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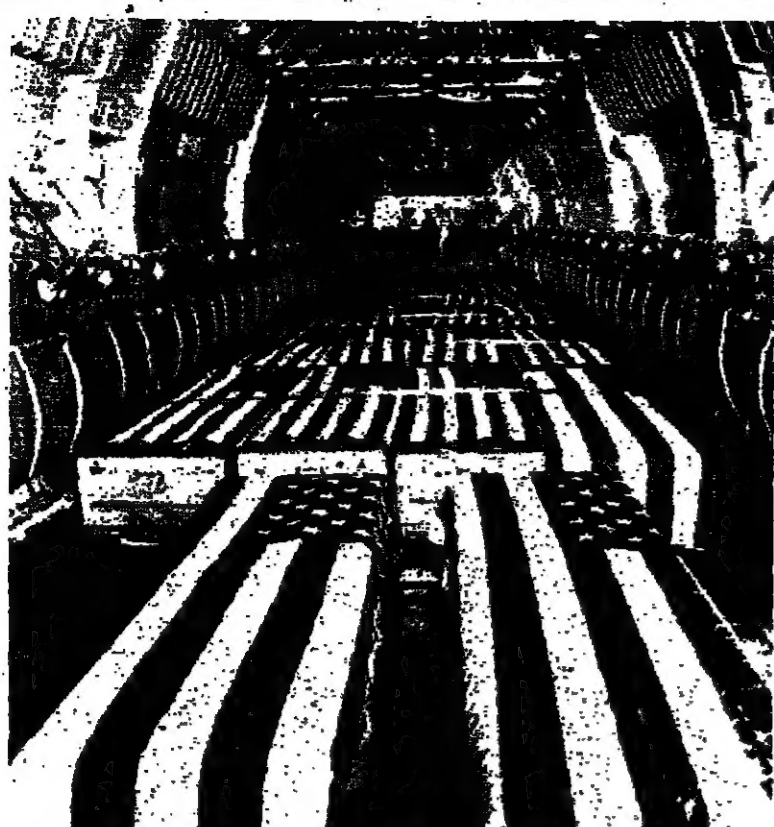
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FESTIVAL DIARY

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A small boy who lost his father when an Iraqi missile struck the American guided missile frigate 'Stark' in the Gulf last Sunday watches as the coffin containing the victims of the attack are loaded aboard an air force jet yesterday for burial in the U.S. (Story, page 3) (Reuters)



Cabinet hears IDF arguments against project

Lavi seen going ahead despite strong army case

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

Cabinet ministers who previously supported the continuation of the Lavi programme, appeared hesitant following a presentation by IDF and Defence Ministry experts yesterday. But one minister told *The Jerusalem Post* that he was confident that the cabinet will decide to go ahead with production of the aircraft.

The army has been anxious to scrap the plan to build 100 or more Lavis because of their cost. Instead it wants to purchase 75 F-16Cs and use the money saved from scrapping the Lavi for research, development and procurement projects that would benefit the Navy and Air Force.

It is still too early to predict how the cabinet will vote because the defence establishment has not completed its presentation. Neither Defence Minister Rabin, who has not made his position on

the Lavi known, or Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Dan Shomron, an avowed opponent of the project, testified yesterday.

The Treasury, and Israel Aircraft Industry (IAI) — the plane's main contractor — had also not yet testified.

Following the session, Energy Minister Moshe Shalev, a supporter of the project, seemed to have second thoughts.

He said that though he still supported the Lavi, "I can't ignore the facts that have been presented to me. I will face a serious problem."

Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi also seemed to waver in his support for the Lavi. He said it was still too early to express an opinion about what he had heard, and "it is possible that in the course of the debate there will be reasons, facts and factors that will make me change my mind."

However, he insisted, he still believed the plane ought to be built: "The Lavi is an industrial,

economic, technological, defence and national project and its implications go beyond the military-security connection. Its contribution to developing industry and employment must be taken into account."

Similarly Transport Minister Haim Corfu said he was confident that the ministers would vote to continue the programme. A considerable amount of the total cost has already been paid for, he argued.

The ministers will undoubtedly be influenced by public opinion which overwhelmingly supports the Lavi.

A poll conducted by Mina Tsemach showed that 80 per cent of the country supported the project. Only 15 per cent opposed it, while 5 per cent did not respond. These figures are identical to the outcome of a similar poll conducted last month.

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All students to pay \$1,600

University heads reject two-tier fee system

By BERNARD JOSEPHS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a stinging rejection of government policy, the universities announced last night that they would ignore the cabinet's controversial decision to impose a two-tier system of tuition fees.

The announcement, which came after a meeting in Jerusalem of university heads, was seen as a declaration of open support for students who have been campaigning against the policy.

But the university chiefs also decided to set fees at over \$1,600 for all students next year — far higher than the \$800 level students had sought.

The cabinet decided on Sunday that students who do not serve in the IDF — which include nearly all Arabs — would pay a tuition fee of \$1,550, while those who did serve would pay \$500 less.

Student leaders, both Jewish and Arab, immediately labelled the new regulations as racist and launched a protest campaign against them.

The cabinet ruling was condemned by academics, top scientists and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon.

After the meeting of the Committee of University Heads last night, their chairman, Weizmann Institute President Aryeh Dvoretzky said: "We completely reject all attempts to differentiate between students on the matter of tuition fees."

"We will not impose different fees. All students will pay the same."

Sources in the committee said the university chiefs had been angered by what most of them regarded as "blatant discrimination." It was pointed out that the new policy would not only penalize Arab students but also others, such as people with physical handicaps, who could not serve in the IDF.

The universities legally have the power to set their own fees. But in recent years the level of fees has in fact been determined by the government, due to the universities' dependence on state aid.

Prof. Dvoretzky said that the government's decision to set the average fee at \$1,050 and the "minority" fee at \$1,505 was insufficient to finance the universities in the coming year. He went on: "If the government does not come to our aid, then we will be forced to fix tuition independently around the figure of

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Early poll bubble bursts

By MENAHEM SHALEV
Post Political Reporter

The main achievement of the special three-man Labour team which ended its round of talks with the small parties yesterday was to dispel any illusions of securing a Knesset majority for early elections, Labour Party spokesman said.

Foreign Minister Peres joined the team for its final meeting with Agudat Yisrael. Following the three-hour meeting, MK Avraham Shapira said that both sides had agreed that there would be no "buying and selling" of political favours, and that Agudat Yisrael reiterated its opposition to early elections.

Peres and his aides did appear to win over some temporary converts to his peace initiative, and Shapira said, "I must admit that after hearing the foreign minister there really is room to ask Shamir what dangers he sees."

Peres agreed to Agudat's suggestion that a joint meeting between him, Agudat Yisrael and Shamir might be in order "so that we could argue together about peace," Shapira said.

The appointment of Shas leader Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz to the government was not brought to the cabinet in its meeting yesterday, because of opposition voiced by Peres.

Labour ministers, meeting late last night in Jerusalem, decided to oppose any Likud-Shas agreement on the registration of reform converts on the grounds that it violated the coalition agreement.

The ministers said after the meeting that the coalition agreement stipulates prior mutual coordination on changes in the status quo on religious affairs. The ministers said that the agreement also contradicts the government decision to set up an interministerial committee on Reform conversions.

Energy Minister Moshe Shalev was appointed to meet with Peretz and explain Labour's position "so that he won't be led astray."

Shinui votes to leave

TEL AVIV. — The Shinui party council voted last night to leave the government and the coalition. The vote was 55 in favour, five opposed and five abstentions.

Outgoing minister Amnon Rubinstein reiterated the reasons for leaving, citing the Likud's thwarting of the "peace initiative," the government's inability to function, the "sell-out" to the religious parties and the cabinet decision on university fees.

He said that Tuesday night's Shas-Likud agreement must be checked to see whether it violates the government guidelines on maintaining the status quo on religious affairs.

Labour ministers decided late last night to oppose the Shas-Likud agreement and appointed Energy Minister Moshe Shalev to meet with Peretz on the matter. The ministers endorsed Peres's position and reviewed the party strategy for the

immediate future.

Sources close to Shamir said that Peres was "needlessly creating tension" and that Shamir would bring Peretz's appointment to the cabinet at its meeting on Sunday. The sources maintained that there was no connection between the agreement and Peretz's return as minister without portfolio.

Peretz and the Likud both denied yesterday's reports that the Shas leader had been offered the Justice portfolio. Peretz would return to the Interior Ministry if, and when, the Likud succeeds to push through its proposed amendment to the 1927 Change of Religious Communities Ordinance, a Shas spokesman said.

The dim prospects of such Likud success prompted Labour Secretary-General Uri Baram yesterday to change Labour's timetable for early elections from "weeks" to "months." The Likud must enact the amendment within 60 days, or face the possibility of another Shas departure from the coalition and a potential agreement with Labour.

A meeting of Likud ministers yesterday reaffirmed the party's commitment to the continued existence of the national unity government. The ministers said, however, that they are now certain that Shamir could put together a narrow-based coalition and that they preferred this option to early elections.

Earlier, the Likud ministers met with Minister Yigael Hurvitz and traded compliments on their opposition to an international conference.

Blasts in central Jo'burg kill three policemen

JOHANNESBURG. — Two powerful bomb blasts in the crowded centre of Johannesburg yesterday killed three white policemen hours after police launched a new security swoop.

The bombs, hidden in a car, blew up within minutes of each other outside the magistrates' court in a street packed with thousands of workers taking a lunch break.

Police said six other policemen and six civilians were injured in the blast. The white-led government blamed the blast on its black guerrilla opponents.

The explosions came hours after hundreds of police swooped on student hostels and a central Johannesburg apartment tower where blacks live in defiance of apartheid regulations, under which the area is designated for whites only.

Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok said the blasts were the work of the African National Congress (ANC), the main organization fighting for black majority rule in South Africa.

Eyewitnesses said people streamed out of the courthouse in panic, and police reported that a pregnant black woman, shocked by the blast, gave birth prematurely on a sidewalk near the site of the blast.

One witness said: "It was terrible. There was this huge bang and I looked round and saw this woman flying through the air."

Police and ambulance sirens shrieked and debris littered the streets.

Yesterday's explosions had been preceded by a blast that ripped through the basement level of the exclusive Carlton shopping complex in central Johannesburg at about 11 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Carlton bomb had been spotted prior to exploding by a cleaning woman, and there were no casualties.

About 20 photographers and television crew members taking shots of yesterday's explosions were herded off to nearby police headquarters at John Vorster Square, after the blasts.

The blasts occurred on the fourth anniversary of the deadliest guerrilla bombing attack in South Africa, when 19 people were killed and more than 200 injured by a car bomb



The scene outside the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court after a series of blasts killed three policemen yesterday. (AFP)

that exploded outside an office building in Pretoria.

The ANC claimed responsibility for that explosion but has made no specific comment on the nearly 50 bombings in South Africa since a state of emergency was declared June 12.

Yesterday's blast was the 10th in South Africa's largest city this year and the 25th in the country this year. So far six people have died and 19 have been injured in the blasts.

Office buildings in Johannesburg, South Africa's commercial centre, have often been the targets of bomb attacks.

The largest attack came only hours after President P.W. Botha opened Parliament with a speech that offered no new initiatives on reforming apartheid's race discrimination.

It was the first session after whites-only elections earlier this month gave Botha's National Party an increased majority and strengthened the hand of apartheid radicals opposed to any compromise with the black majority. (Reuters, AFP)

Davis Cup tie in New Delhi

Sport triumphs as India agrees to host Israelis

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter and Agencies

Foreign Ministry officials yesterday welcomed India's decision to allow the Israeli Davis Cup tennis team to play against its national team in New Delhi.

"We are glad the Indians decided in the spirit of sport and we look forward to the meeting," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

David Hararik, chairman of the Israel Tennis Association said he received a telex from the All India Lawn Tennis Association confirming that the match would be played in New Delhi.

"This is a great triumph for the crusade against mixing politics and sport," Hararik told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The match had been in doubt because Indian foreign policy bars official contacts with Israel in support of the Palestinian cause. Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi refused an Israeli table tennis team permission to enter India in February to play in the world championship.

According to a sports promoter in Bombay, Gandhi decided to allow the tennis match to be played for fear that a refusal would lead the International Tennis Federation to expel India from the Davis Cup.

The Davis Cup quarter-final match is scheduled for July 24-26. "We hope that the conditions on court in New Delhi and the atmosphere the Israelis find there, will be conducive to a fair and sporting contest," Hararik said.

Israel will probably be represented at the match by Shlomo Glickstein, Amos Mansdorf, Shahar Peretz and Gilad Bloom, together with non-playing captain Yosef Stabholz, Hararik said. This was the team that took Israel to its upset victory over third-seeded Czechoslovakia in March in the first round of the cup's 16-nation premier division.

With the match in New Delhi taking place on a grass court, the Israeli team will prepare for the game by competing at the Wimbledon tournament and two earlier English grass-court tournaments. The squad's intensive preparations will wind up with training at a closed camp in India.

To date, Israel has played only one of its 49 Davis Cup matches on grass. It played the European zonal final against Britain at Eastbourne and lost 4-1.

Four IDF soldiers hurt in blast

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH HANIKRA. — Four IDF soldiers were wounded in a roadside bomb blast while patrolling along the northern border of the security zone in South Lebanon yesterday morning, army sources reported.

The remote-controlled explosive device, which had apparently been planted the previous night, was triggered as the motorized patrol passed by.

The injured soldiers were given treatment at the scene and later transferred by helicopter to the Rambam hospital in Haifa.

One of them was reported to be in serious condition last night, suffering from severe burns. Two others were said to have slight injuries and the fourth was released.

The incident occurred in the central sector of the zone which has been a hotbed of terrorist activity in recent months.

IDF troops and soldiers from the South Lebanese Army made extensive searches of the region following the bomb blast.

The Islamic Resistance Movement, a pseudonym for the radical Hizbullah, claimed responsibility for the attack.

The Iranian-backed organization claimed responsibility for two similar roadside bombings involving IDF and SLA patrols in the same area recently. There were no injuries or damage caused on those occasions.

According to reports from South Lebanon, three mortar shells exploded close to a SLA position near the predominantly Christian township of Marjayoun late on Tuesday night. No injuries or damage were reported.

Meanwhile, in Sidon, residents reported that six Israeli warplanes swept low over the city port and nearby Palestinian refugee camps yesterday, according to a news agency report.

Guards were asleep during Gaza breakout

By BRADLEY BURSTON

GAZA. — Some of the guards on duty when six security prisoners escaped from the central prison here early Monday may have been asleep at their posts, sources close to the Prison Service internal inquiry commission said yesterday.

The guard assigned to a watchtower directly adjacent to the window from which the escapees made their get-away has been particularly intensively interrogated, as have members of the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization, believed to have smuggled saw-blades into the prison.

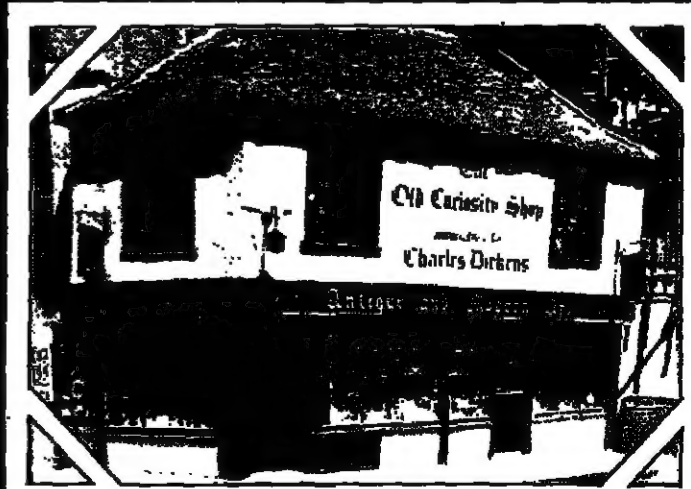
As the search enters its fourth day, security forces believe that the escapees may try to cross over the border to Egypt.

Speculation persists that the guards routinely slept on the night shift.

Some classes begin at 10

TEL AVIV. — Third and fourth grade pupils will begin class at 10 a.m. today as teachers continue their protest against proposed cuts in the education budget.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Alex. and Myra Marmot hybrid laboratory (monoclonal antibodies) was inaugurated at the Tel Aviv University yesterday.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Eskin from Mexico, for the Ceremony of the Conferral of Honorary Doctorate Degrees and Honorary Fellowships, Mr. Sam Moss from Australia, Mrs. Barbara Sieratki from Germany, Mr. and Mrs. Shaye Nizri from Mexico, Mr. N. Weinberg from Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto Cisneros from Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Sin from Mexico, Paul and Annie Yanowicz from the U.S.A., Sir Leslie Porter from England, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Lady Shirley Porter from England, Mr. and Mrs. M. Wapinsky from Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. G. Schwartz from Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. G. Zagorin from Mexico.

Anti-Semitism forces agency to drop resort

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Complaints of anti-Semitism have led Natour, Israel's largest wholesale ski resort operator, to drop the Larnos ski resort in Austria from the list of destinations it offers its customers.

According to several reports in the past three months, the Edelweiss Hotel had hosted a neo-Nazi convention and had an anti-Semitic slogan scribbled on one of its walls, next to the elevator.

Ads call for pardons for Jewish terrorists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Over 1,800,000 want it," billboards and posters in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv have been announcing, and yesterday other posters told us what "it" is: a pardon for the seven remaining prisoners of the Jewish underground.

The committee for the prisoners has recently begun a two-week publicity campaign for their release, funded by contributions from Israel and abroad.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Treasury asks NIS 1.2b. for moshavim

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury formally asked the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday to approve a NIS 1.2 billion bail-out scheme for the country's moshavim. If approved by the panel, the bail-out will be the largest in Israel's history.

The details of the rescue plan were drafted by the government-appointed Ravid Committee after months of deliberations. Formal submission of the request followed

intensive negotiations between the Agriculture Ministry and the Treasury.

The committee will begin discussing the Treasury proposal only next week. Since most moshavim are tied to the Labour Party, the request is expected to set off a heated debate between Labour and the Likud.

Likud committeemen are likely to try to put off a decision, and to demand an in-depth investigation of the activities of the moshav purchasing organizations and of the reasons

for the financial collapse of the moshavim.

Under the arrangement drafted by the Ravid Committee, the government is to contribute NIS 692 million to putting the moshavim back on their feet. These funds will go to convert short-term debts into long-term ones on which 8 per cent interest will be charged.

The government will make the money available over four years. The commercial banks are to contribute NIS 261m. to the debt-

rescheduling scheme.

In addition, moshav debts totalling some NIS 300m. are to be written off by the banks and the Jewish Agency.

The Treasury told the Knesset Finance Committee that the moshav purchasing organizations would get out of the money market and restrict themselves to buying and selling agricultural equipment.

Some moshavim are to disband, returning their water rights and land to public agencies.

'Moroccan PM secretly visited here'

By DVORAH GETZLER
Post Knesset Reporter

Two months before the Likud came to power in 1977, Morocco's premier made a secret visit to Israel to further negotiations between Israel and Egypt.

The negotiations had begun with a secret visit to Morocco by then prime minister Yitzhak Rabin in October 1976.

This was revealed in the Knesset this week by Alignment MK Jacques Amir, who said that Rabin had met in Morocco with Egyptian representatives. Amir was speaking in Tuesday's no-confidence debate.

It was those moves that had culminated in President Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Israel in October 1977, said Amir.

And it was only by the luck of the polls that the Likud's Menachem Begin had earned the role of peacemaker, he continued.

Radioactive nuts barred from entry

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

The Health Ministry yesterday discovered a 15-ton Turkish shipment of hazelnuts with a radioactive level twice that permitted by the authorities.

According to a ministry spokesman, the shipment of nuts was tested at the Haifa Port. The ministry ordered the importer to send the shipment back within 24 hours, and he agreed to do so immediately.

This is the third reported case of an imported food product found to have a high radioactive level since the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster in the USSR 13 months ago. The first involved pistachios and the second, a shipment of dried bay leaves from Turkey. The ministry says it will continue to check all imports from Europe and Turkey until further notice.



Foreign Minister Shimon Peres confronts Gush Emunim demonstrators who gathered outside his house in Jerusalem yesterday, some of them wearing Arab kaffiyehs, to protest against the proposed international peace conference. (Yossi Zamir/Scoop 80)

Sharon's ex-aide comes under fire

Post Knesset Correspondent

State Comptroller Ya'acov Maltz appeared to cast doubts yesterday on the credibility of a former senior official under Industry Minister Ariel Sharon.

Maltz's criticism of former Industry Ministry director-general Yehoshua Forer came during a Knesset State Control Committee meeting devoted to examining Sharon's favours to his millionaire friend Meshulam Riklis.

Maltz has written a report officially scoring Sharon's actions. The industry minister has fully admitted his role in the case.

Riklis, a former Israeli who lives in the U.S., gave Sharon a \$200,000 long-term interest-free loan (since

repaid) some years ago. When Riklis bought the controlling shares in Haifa Chemicals, for which the Industry Ministry is responsible, Sharon arranged grants and tax concessions for the corporation.

In his report on the affair, Maltz said an Investments Centre appeals committee had met and rejected granting tax concessions to the company. Forer talked to members of the appeals panel by phone and persuaded them to reverse their decision. He then had the minutes of the meeting altered to make it appear that the concessions had been approved at the meeting, Maltz said.

But Forer told the Knesset panel yesterday that he neither drew up

nor signed the minutes of the appeals committee.

Forer said one of his aides must have forged the minutes without his knowledge.

Forer said: "I don't know Riklis, and I never spoke to Sharon about Haifa Chemicals."

At this point Maltz fished a paper out of his file - a letter written by Forer personally to the then head of the Investments Centre, Yoram Belizovsky, in which Forer said: "Please correct the minutes and pass them on to the ministers."

Maltz said: "The minutes as altered contain three points that are untrue. That is tantamount to misadministration."

Witness 'didn't hate enough' to kill Barbie

LYON (AP). - A witness at Klaus Barbie's trial for crimes against humanity revealed yesterday that he had set out to kill Barbie in Bolivia but discovered, when confronted with him, that he "didn't hate him enough."

Michael Goldberg, 46, said that he had wanted to avenge his father who was arrested in the February 1943 raid on the General Union of the Israelites of France (Ugif) in Lyon, and deported to Auschwitz from where he never returned.

Barbie, 73, is being tried for the arrest, torture and deportation of hundreds of Jews and French Resistance members between 1942 and 1944, when he was head of the Gestapo in Lyon.

Most of yesterday's testimony focused largely on the roundup at Ugif - an organization involved in helping Jews escape to Switzerland - which led to the deportation and eventual death of 84 Jews.

In April 1974, Goldberg posed as a journalist and met Barbie, then using the alias Klaus Altmann. Asked by a third party why he was being bothered so much if he had only been an SS lieutenant in Lyon, Barbie - according to Goldberg - replied: "I had more power than a general."

Another of the four witnesses who testified yesterday was Eva Gottlieb of Jerusalem who had worked as an assistant at the Ugif.

"I opened the door and I saw immediately that I had fallen into a trap," she said, referring to the day of the roundup. Ultimately, she escaped because she had French papers which did not indicate that she was Jewish.

Lea Weiss, 61, told of how as a young girl she had gone to the Ugif to seek medical help for her ailing mother and found the roundup was in progress.

Weiss, who was 16 at the time, said she pleaded with her captors to allow her to go back and tell her mother, and was told to report the next morning to Gestapo headquarters in Lyon. She did not do so, but hid out with other families.

UNIVERSITY

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\$1,680. The opening of the next academic year depends on this.

The university chiefs are to meet again tonight to discuss setting their own fees. They say the institutions must raise around \$30 million to meet budget deficits.

Sources in the National Union of Students expressed satisfaction last night with the universities' decision to reject the government's policy. But they said they did not think the union and its members would agree to a tuition fee of more than \$1,600.

However, there was little official comment from the students. NUS deputy chairman Hananel Holzer said late last night that the union would continue with its High Court of Justice action aimed at forcing the

government to change its policy. He added it was too early to react to the university's suggestion of a high tuition fee.

Speaking on Israel TV's *Moked* programme last night, Energy Minister Moshe Shalev said that when the Likud ministers voted for the two-tiered tuition on Sunday, they believed only Arabs would be subject to the higher rate.

"The Likud ministers' intentions were blatantly racist," he said.

Prof. Uriel Procaccia of Hebrew University, also speaking on *Moked*, rejected Science Minister Gideon Patt's assertion that only a third of those obliged to pay the higher tuition would be Arabs. Procaccia said a computer sampling had found that 75 per cent of those paying the higher rate would be Arabs.

The proposal to set two levels of fees came from Patt. It was backed in the cabinet by the Likud and the religious parties, and opposed by Labour.

The chairman of the Committee for Arab Education, Haifa University sociologist Majid al-Haj, described the universities' decision as an "important step."

But, he added, the strike of all schools in the Arab sector, due to take place today, would go ahead.

Al-Haj said the strike had been aimed at the government's policy which he described as "shameful," and he pointed out that though the universities had declared their opposition, the policy remained.

Andy Court adds: Aroused by the government's recent decision on tuition fees, student at Jerusalem's Hebrew University turned out in unusually large numbers to vote for student union representatives yesterday.

The ballots were still being counted at press time last night, but student leaders predicted that the centre and left Ofek, Shimui and Ometz parties would benefit from the increased turnout.

Other observers, though, believed that the fees controversy would polarize students, giving more votes to the right and left but hurting the centrist Ofek faction.

Carmel market stalls razed

By JONATHAN KARP
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Angry and desperate Carmel Market merchants yesterday denounced the municipality for Tuesday night's demolition of five fruit and vegetable stalls which had been built illegally.

"Does Chich [Mayor Shlomo Lahat] live like this?" said one as he pointed at the mangled metal beams and broken cinder blocks where the stalls used to stand.

David Abudi, Carmel Market veteran of more than 30 years broke into tears as he surveyed the debris. Suddenly he grabbed his chest and started gasping for air in what was an apparent heart attack. Friends doused him with water, massaged his chest and tried to get him to relax until an ambulance arrived and took him to Hadassah Hospital.

The demolition was carried out by bulldozers around midnight on

Tuesday, the merchants said. The city stressed yesterday that the action was legal and that the merchants had had plenty of time to dismantle the structures or to seek a settlement. A spokesman said that only four stalls had been demolished.

The stalls in question had been destroyed by a fire in 1985 and rebuilt out of cinder blocks without building permits. The spokesman noted that a demolition order had originally been signed in September 1985 and had been upheld by both the Magistrates' Court and the District Court in Tel Aviv.

Avshalom Lesheim, the lawyer who represents the merchants, explained yesterday that none of the Carmel Market merchants had permits, and that Lahat condoned this situation unless they made changes or additions to their stalls. "Lahat has made it a top priority to stop illegal building," he said.

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who fell on active service, May 10, 1977,
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at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiryat Samir cemetery, Haifa.

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Yosef Ben-Aharon:

Why did Peres exclude Shamir?

"We have made it clear to the Egyptians that this is no way to conduct bilateral relations," Yosef Ben-Aharon, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, says of Cairo's singular relations with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and its apparently pointed disregard of Prime Minister Shamir.

Ben-Aharon, who meets with Egypt's Ambassador Mohammed Bassiony fairly regularly, asks: "What if we were to talk only to [Egyptian Defence Minister Abdel-Halim] Abu Ghazala? How would President Mubarak feel?"

Ben-Aharon's remarks were triggered by a report in Tuesday's *Al-Ahram* of Israeli-Egyptian contacts on a possible Shamir visit to Egypt. Ben-Aharon knows of no such contacts but says that Shamir would be happy to visit Egypt. From Egypt's point of view, such a visit could make sense if Mubarak was seeking to persuade Shamir to reconsider his views on an international peace conference.

Ben-Aharon speaks in a similar vein of Peres's exclusion of Shamir in recent months from the negotiations with Jordan: "He should have brought in, consulted with, informed a group of senior Likud ministers, from the beginning. The first that Shamir knew of the American-mediated Israeli-Jordanian agreement on terms of reference for the conference was when [U.S. ambassador Thomas] Pickering brought the document to him one morning - Pickering, not Peres. Peres's [treatment of Shamir] was self-defeating."

Ben-Aharon agrees that as Peres did with Defence Minister Rabin, he should have taken Shamir with him to the recent meeting with Hussein - a meeting in which Rabin, who had always had his doubts about Hussein, was persuaded that this time the Jordanian monarch meant business and intended to negotiate.

Ben-Aharon returned on Tuesday night from a two-week visit to the U.S., where he met senior State Department and National Security Council officials and conveyed to them the prime minister's stand on the international peace conference.

"I explained why the conference was a non-starter, and that the sooner the idea was removed from the agenda, the quicker we could move towards 'worthwhile' direct Israeli-Arab peace negotiations," he says.

He concedes that his American hosts, who included Assistant Deputy Secretary of State Michael Armacost, considered that Shamir's proposals for direct Israeli-Jordanian talks were a non-starter, given Hussein's constant opposition to such talks without an "international umbrella." Shamir's proposal would be fine, said the Americans, "if you had a partner [willing to negotiate with Israel]."

The American officials said that the U.S. had been "non-committal

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and sceptical [towards the conference idea] from the beginning, but felt that it was the only game in town at the moment, and therefore worth trying. Nobody [in Washington] was very enthusiastic or excited about the idea. I said that it would prove unproductive and was fraught with risks and dangers."

Ben-Aharon argued against allowing "or, rather, inviting" the return of the Soviets to a central role in the Middle East. The Americans, he said, had argued that the conference would be structured so that "the risks and dangers of Soviet" involvement would be minimized. Through-out, says Ben-Aharon, "no one lectured me [on the benefits of the international conference]."

Ben-Aharon believes that some American Jewish leaders were embarrassed by Peres's "lobbying" on behalf of the conference in Washington, while he did not have the government's support for this. The American administration, he says, "will play a waiting game, they won't allow themselves to be dragged

into the internal Israeli dispute."

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Egypt for peace even if PLO opts out
Jerusalem Post Staff
Osama al-Baz, the Egyptian president's political adviser, was quoted yesterday as saying that

Row in Australia over handling of affair

Fijian chiefs meet; attacks on Indians

SUVA, Fiji. — Fijian youths rampaged through the capital yesterday, beating ethnic Indians as the Great Council of Chiefs met in an effort to end the crisis triggered by last week's military coup.

The council, made up of 66 traditional leaders from Fiji's 14 provinces, adjourned for the day without deciding how to restore constitutional rule. It was to meet again today.

The chiefs were thought to be considering an amendment to the constitution to ensure the ethnic Fijians' political dominance over the more numerous ethnic Indians.

Such an amendment was among the goals of Lt. Col. Sitiveni Rabuka, who stormed parliament last Thursday and arrested Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra and his Indian-dominated cabinet.

Fijians close to the chiefs said after the meeting there seemed to be considerable support among them for Rabuka.

About 200 Fijians punched and kicked ethnic Indians assembled for a prayer meeting in a park in front of the building where the chiefs were meeting. Witnesses said at least 50 people were hurt before the mob took to the streets, smashing car and store windows.

In Dublin, Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden said that Au-

stralia's closure of the Libyan People's bureau in Canberra was based more on domestic concerns than Libyan activities in the South Pacific.

"We monitored very closely the activities of that body with our security services, and the point was reached, as a result of certain things happening, where it was considered we'd be better off without that representation in Australia," he said in an interview on Irish radio.

Hayden's remarks followed accusations in Sydney by the opposition that the Australian government was ordering the closure of the Bureau to deflect attention from its handling of the crisis in Fiji.

The opposition said Prime Minister Bob Hawke had displayed impotence in the face of the military takeover.

Hayden, on a two-day official visit to Ireland, accused Libya of activities "inimical to the stability" of the South Pacific, including training islanders in paramilitary activities and crowd manipulation. The bureau's closure, however, was "related more to certain domestic concerns," he said.

Australia had taken adequate steps to evacuate its citizens from Fiji if the situation deteriorated to the point where Australian nationals were in danger, he said.

Japanese spy suspects 'sold U.S. secrets to Communists for years'

TOKYO (AP). — Four Japanese men passed on U.S. military documents to Soviet and Chinese buyers for several years, police charged yesterday. U.S. military officials were investigating the extent of the security damage.

The four suspects include a current and a former employee of U.S. military facilities.

The men were arrested Tuesday after one allegedly attempted to give U.S. military documents to a Soviet diplomat in a Tokyo park.

Police said they seized technical documents describing U.S. military aircraft and equipment that pointed to a long-time operation that included transactions in a cemetery and orders issued by short-wave from the Soviet Union.

They said the four received more than \$714,000 for the documents.

U.S. military officials, who initially alerted Japanese police to the matter, refused to comment on the nature of the documents involved.

Police arrested Hiroshi Date, 62, when he met V.B. Aksentov of the Soviet trade representative's office

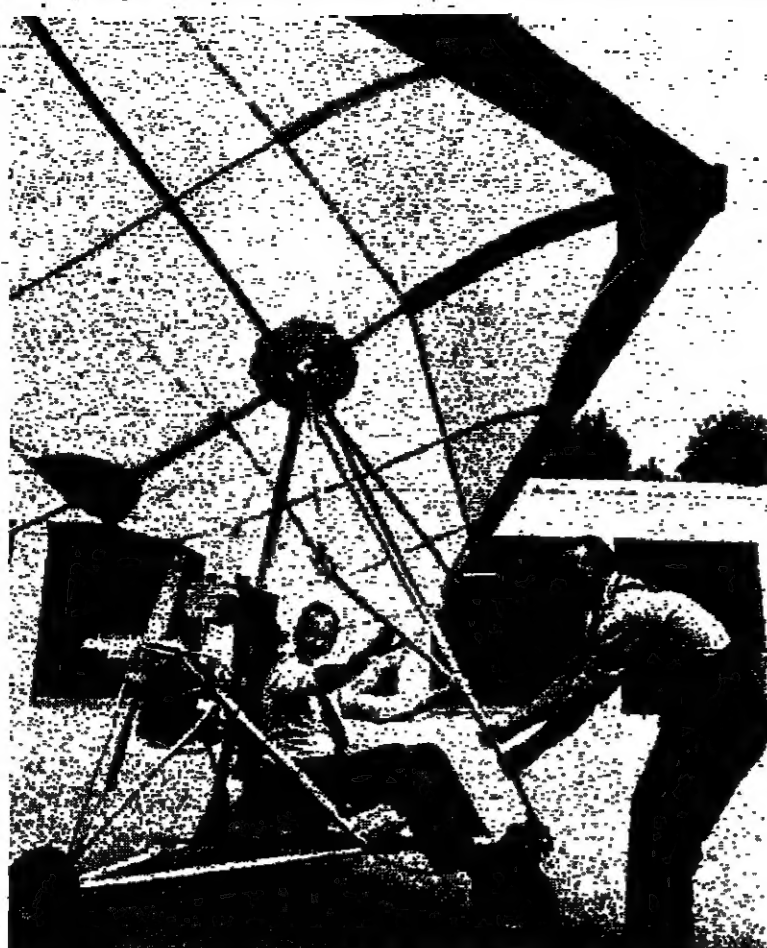
at a park in western Tokyo allegedly to hand over documents, said a police official. Date was described as a counsellor at the private China Technical Centre in Tokyo.

Aksentov, who police said claimed diplomatic immunity, left Japan yesterday aboard an Aeroflot Airlines flight to the Soviet Union.

On Tuesday night, police arrested Hiroshi Osumi, 65, an employee at the Yokota air base in western Tokyo, on suspicion of stealing documents on the repair and maintenance of U.S. transport planes.

Also arrested were Masateru Tachibana, 59, a writer on military affairs and a former employee at another U.S. air base, and Sadao Gotoh, 60, president of Sankyo Ltd., a trading company doing business with China, police said. Tachibana admitted yesterday under questioning that he participated in espionage.

Soviet KGB agent Stanislav Levchenko, who defected in 1979, called Japan "a paradise for spies," and said 50 to 60 Soviet agents were operating in Japan, particularly in areas of high technology.



Police of Roding, Bavaria, pose with the do-it-yourself flying machine that carried a 39-year-old Czech over to West Germany on Monday. (AFP telephoto)

Poll mania in Britain

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — Opinion poll mania has hit the 1987 election campaign here.

Although the campaign is officially only two days old, with a full three weeks to go until polling day on June 11, opinion polls are appearing at the numbing rate of three or four a day, in the newspapers, on the radio and on television.

Predictably, this has caused something of a backlash against the polling companies themselves, with Labour and Alliance spokesmen arguing that numerous voters are deciding their allegiances on the basis of the polls.

Averaging out the most recent polls, the Conservatives seem safely ahead with 42 per cent to Labour's 32 and the Alliance's 24. But according to surveys conducted in marginal constituencies, the Tory position is less bright, with two polls in recent days suggesting that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's House of Commons majority may be cut to 40 seats or less.

An article by Jacob Shamir, published in *Public Opinion Quarterly* last Spring, found that pre-election polls in Israel in 1981 and 1984 were often rendered inaccurate by the bias of the pollsters themselves. Pollsters working for political parties

projected results more favourable to their sponsors or less favourable to their sponsors' opponents, he said, with a greater inaccuracy where pollster and sponsor were particularly closely linked.

In Britain, the main polling companies stress that they act entirely independently of the political parties, with leading pollsters Gallup even retaining the right to write up



their findings themselves in the *Daily Telegraph*, to ensure that a balanced picture is presented.

But most poll findings are written up by newspapers' political correspondents, and little if any note is taken of the 4 per cent — plus or minus — sampling error that is unavoidable when only a couple of thousand voters are surveyed.

Thus, while Gallup stressed yesterday that the polls were unlikely to be mistaken in putting the Conservatives ahead, they did admit that the lead might be as slight as 2 per cent, rather than the widely publicized 10 per cent projection.

Polar bears kill, partially eat boy

NEW YORK (AP). — Two polar bears killed and partially ate an 11-year-old boy who went with two playmates to their lair for a swim, authorities said yesterday.

Police shot and killed the animals as they fought over the remains in Brooklyn's Prospect Park zoo. Juan Perez and two other 11-year-

olds had decided to take an after-hour dip in the moat inside the fence, a police spokesman said. They took off their clothes, but the two lost their nerve. Perez then threw everyone's clothes into the cage, and he and a playmate squeezed through the fence to fetch them. At about that point the bears woke up.

Iraqi pilots reported arrested

Ship captain: No time to react

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — The captain of the USS Stark said yesterday he did not know a missile was heading for his warship until a lookout spotted it only seconds before it rammed into the vessel, killing 37 seamen.

Captain Glenn Brindel said the ship lost its tracking ability for about 30 seconds after the missile hit. Then a second missile struck as the crew was trying to shift the defensive system from manual to automatic.

In his first public comment about the Iraqi attack Sunday, Brindel also said he is convinced the attack was a mistake. Brindel said his crew earlier had spotted the Iraqi warplane on radar, but not the missiles, at least one of which was a French-made Exocet.

"The aircraft launched the missiles, I believe, at a significantly close range, where only a matter of seconds were able to be given for

defensive measures to be put into effect," he said.

"And we did not detect the separation on the radar of the missile from the aircraft, which would be one means of detecting hostile intent..." he said.

In Washington, the Reagan administration notice that U.S. warships would stay in the Gulf to protect Kuwaiti tankers despite the missile attack.

President Ronald Reagan told the U.S. navy in the Gulf to shoot in self-defence. But Reagan refrained from criticising Iraq when he talked about the attack during a trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee, Tuesday, saying Iraqi planes had long been considered non-hostile. Reagan called Iran the villain in the war and said it was delighted about what had happened.

A State Department spokeswoman said plans were going ahead

to put 11 Kuwaiti tankers under the American flag to protect them in the Gulf.

In Kuwait, however, a newspaper launched a fierce attack on President Reagan's policies yesterday in the first response in the Gulf emirate to Sunday's air strike.

Kuwait has not commented officially on the attack. But an editorial in *Al-Anba*, a moderate daily, usually friendly to the west, said the U.S. had supplied arms to Iran.

Addressing Reagan, it said: "You have contributed to this (Iran-Iraq) war directly and indirectly, in fomenting, escalating and continuing the conflict."

In Beirut, the *Ash-Sharq* newspaper, close to Iraq's rival Syria, reported yesterday that two Iraqi Air Force pilots have been arrested and were being interrogated after the missile attack.

Boos and whistles for Golden Palm winner

CANNES (Reuters). — French director Maurice Pialat's selection for the coveted "Golden Palm" at the Cannes international film festival provided a controversial finale to a star-studded 40th anniversary extravaganza.

Pialat, chosen for *Sous le Soleil de Satan* (Under the Sun of Satan), an adaptation of French Roman Catholic writer Georges Bernanos's novel about a priest tempted by the devil, was booed and whistled at derisively Tuesday night when French actress

Catherine Deneuve announced he had won the top prize.

The director, known for his sharp tongue, told the audience: "I am not

going to fail my reputation. I'm happy for the whistles. If you don't like me, I can tell you that I don't like you either." He defiantly punched the air three times and left.

One commentator said on French television later that foreign directors would no longer take Cannes seriously after the Pialat selection.

But French actor-singer Yves Montand, who headed the nine-member jury said Pialat was a unanimous choice. (See related article page 4).

Waldheim's explanations were 'too late'

By ILONA HENRY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

VIENNA. — The general reaction here to Austrian President Kurt Waldheim's televised address on Tuesday on his alleged involvement in Nazi war crimes was that the explanations came too late.

Waldheim had repeated that he was innocent of the accusations made against him, and spoke of the inability of his generation "to make a free choice."

Most commentators expressed the view that the harm Waldheim had caused to his country's reputation, image and self-esteem could not be repaired by TV speeches.

Only Michael Graff, secretary-general of the Austrian People's Party viewed the president's declarations with approval. Joerg Haider, leader of the right-centre Freedom Party, expressed disappointment. "I still feel he should file a libel suit in the U.S.," Haider said.

Paul Grosz, president of the Jewish community, said: "There are speeches and there are deeds. The latter we haven't seen yet. Do not forget that these words came from a year of constant defamation of Jews and their intentions... and under repeated pressure."

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Black executed in U.S. for murder of white

PARCHMAN, Miss. (Reuters). — A black man was executed yesterday for the murder of a white man, the first such case since the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a race-bias challenge to the death penalty last month.

Edward Earl Johnson, convicted of killing Marshal Trest in June, 1979, died in the gas chamber at the Mississippi State penitentiary soon after midnight. The Supreme Court and Governor Bill Allain rejected 11th-hour appeals to halt the execution.

In a landmark ruling last month, the High Court upheld a death sentence imposed on a black man for killing a white man in Georgia.

William Webster confirmed as new CIA chief

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Senate on Tuesday overwhelmingly confirmed FBI director William Webster to become the 14th head of the Central Intelligence Agency, succeeding the late William Casey.

Webster, who in his nearly 10 years as FBI director has built a close working relationship with members of Congress, won confirmation by a vote of 94 to 1.

55 reported dead in Hindu-Moslem violence

MEERUT, India (AP). — Two army battalions patrolled curfew bound streets here yesterday after 48 people died in an "orgy" of Hindu-Moslem violence that also left seven dead in two other Indian cities, correspondents said.

Reporters in this tense north India town where the majority of residents are Hindus said that 48 bodies had been taken to two local mortuaries. Police would not confirm the figure officially.

Death toll tops 200 in China's forest blaze

BEIJING (AP). — The death toll from China's worst forest fire has exceeded 200, a state-run daily newspaper said yesterday.

The *China Daily*, quoting officials from the town of Tahe in the far northeast, also reported that two main sections of the fire had joined, a setback for the 35,000 soldiers and civilians fighting the 2-week-old blaze.

Arafat: PLO unity will help peace efforts

ROME (AP). — PLO leader Yasser Arafat says No. 1 terrorist suspect Abu Nidal will not be admitted to his group, and that the PLO is "investigating" another Palestinian charged with masterminding the Achille Lauro hijack.

Arafat, in an Italian television interview broadcast on Tuesday night and a separate interview with *Epoca* magazine, also contended the recent unifying of PLO factions would help, not hinder, efforts to stage an international conference on Mideast peace, because "the unity of the PLO will help the unity of Arab nations."

Asked about Mohammed Abbas, condemned to life in prison by an Italian court for his role in the 1985 Achille Lauro hijacking, Arafat said last month's decision to reintegrate Abbas into the PLO command was "temporary."

Libya building nuclear missiles with European help

HAMBURG (AP). — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi has obtained the help of West German, Swiss and Polish experts to build missiles capable of carrying nuclear or conventional warheads, a West German magazine said yesterday.

The weekly *Stern* said the rockets, with a range of 300km, would be able to reach Cairo, Tunis and Sicily.

Stern said the rockets were built with "computerized production equipment purchased from companies in Switzerland and West Germany, and capable of producing 30 rockets a month."

The magazine based the report on information it said it obtained from a West German "who had worked as the former project manager of Gaddafi's secret rocket centre in the desert."

Kuwait plans action to keep Aids at bay

KUWAIT (Reuters). — Kuwait has detected six cases of Aids and is studying a programme of checks, education and penalties to keep the killer silent at bay. Health Minister Abdel-Rahman Al-Awadi said in an interview published yesterday.

Al-Anba newspaper quoted him as saying the government was studying a bill to penalise anyone who had sex with their spouses while aware that they carried Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). It was also studying proposals to carry out checks on anyone travelling abroad more than 10 times a year, he said in Geneva where he attended a recent World Health Organization meeting.

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Likud whip versus the foreign minister

Snapping and snarling at the Knesset

By DVORAH GETZLER

Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset plenum erupted at question time yesterday morning when Foreign Minister Shimon Peres snapped back at the Likud's newly-appointed whip Yehoshua Matza, saying that the Foreign Ministry would not accept dictates from the Prime Minister's Office.

Nor, said Peres, would it tolerate the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office saying that the foreign minister did not represent the State of Israel.

Matza, in what seemed to be a show of muscle, complained that after an inner cabinet discussion on Peres's peace initiative last week, Peres's director-general for political affairs, Yossi Beilin, had prevented a report of the meeting from being circulated to embassies abroad.

One could, Peres said sarcastically, decide to make public everything that was said in the inner cabinet. But in fact, that body's discussions were not publicized. And if its deliberations were to become public property, then every speaker's remarks must be made known, and not just the words of one minister, even if he was the premier.

"If the prime minister wants to pass on information, then he must first approach the foreign minister," Peres said.

"The staff of the Foreign Ministry is subject to no one but the foreign minister," Peres asserted.

"Who do you think you are, a censor, a

filter," Matza shouted back. "Who ever heard of such a thing?"

Matza went on to imply that Peres was using his ministry as a tool to pursue his own policies, rather than those of the nation as a whole.

How dared Peres try to prevent the premier's words from reaching Israel's embassies abroad? Were those the norms of the rule of law? Did Peres think the Prime Minister's Office could be run by two bosses as he ran the Foreign Ministry (which has two directors-general)?

Wasn't that creating anarchy? Matza asked. "What's your question?" Deputy Speaker Eliezer Shostak repeatedly asked Matza.

But Matza would not be budged from the attack. "I have two minutes according to the House rules," he insisted. "And I am asking a series of questions, for two minutes. And I'll make some comments along the line."

"When you were premier, Shamir gritted his teeth and behaved towards you, as your deputy and your foreign minister, with a proper regard for national interests, didn't he," Matza challenged Peres.

But Peres jumped in with an angry rebuttal: "I have never asked for inner cabinet discussions to be made public. The inner cabinet is a closed body, no matter who's doing the speaking. [Any other behaviour] is against the law, against proper governmental procedures."

"And for your information, I have never made such a request of Shamir, nor he of me. This is the work of one of the staff at the Prime Minister's Office, and I don't know which one,

and it's against the law and against the rules to seek to pass on what was said in a closed forum. You should be aware of the facts."

Matza was not taking that lying down.

"I know the facts. I've checked. It wasn't an official in the Prime Minister's Office, but a senior official who was asked by the prime minister himself to pass on an announcement from him, and not one from the inner cabinet," Matza insisted.

"And is that official my boss? Is he superior to the government?" an angry Peres cut in.

"Don't interrupt me," Matza growled. "Shamir gritted his teeth and put up with your arrogant behaviour, but he never tried to undermine you as a prime minister. Why are you trying to bring down the government? Are these the norms of government that you want to pass on to our youth? Are you trying to break up the agreement to rule together for four years just because you have had your turn as prime minister?"

"Why are you seeking refuge in the magic word 'peace' to sow anarchy in the country, to bring about economic chaos, and that at the cost of dividing the nation?"

The difference between him and Shamir, Peres indicated, was that "I never said of the foreign minister that I hoped he would fail. I have never spoken of 'mad, nightmarish actions'."

"I never," Peres said, that the foreign minister did not represent the State of Israel. Nor did I ever tell Israel's ambassadors that they should pass it on to other ambassadors that the foreign

minister does not represent the State of Israel."

Who, Peres wanted to know, was Yosef Ben-Aharon (the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office) that he should presume to give orders to the Foreign Ministry?

There had been no decision on his peace initiative in the inner cabinet. The matter had not been repeated by Transport Minister Haim Corfu (in Tuesday's no-confidence vote).

The report in yesterday's *Yedioth Aharonot*, which spoke of Ben-Aharon telling the paper's correspondent in London of a secret agreement between Peres and Hussein on territorial concessions, was "a scandal!" Peres said. "You will not succeed in making this country swallow your lies."

(Ben-Aharon, reacting to the Peres attack, reportedly said that it was not customary for a minister to attack a civil servant, who cannot defend himself, in the Knesset.)

Matza, however, insisted that a united Jerusalem would have to live under Hussein's patronage if Peres's plan went through. And that was already agreed, he said.

"Will you and Teddy Kollek keep Jerusalem united," Matza shouted as Shostak repeatedly called him to order and threatened to have him ejected.

"It will be you who divides Jerusalem," Peres snapped back. "Because it is you in the Likud who disseminate lies that someone wants to divide Jerusalem. But you've made a mistake. I'm not afraid of your demagoguery and shouting."

Cannes prize film 'cheap propaganda'

By DAN FAIRARU

Post Film Critic

CANNES. — The awarding of the Critics' Prize at the Cannes International Film Festival to Michel Khleifi's *Wedding in Galilee*, a controversial movie shot in the Galilee, came as no surprise to observers here. But the manner in which the picture was introduced raised eyebrows — especially among Israelis — in this temporary film capital of the world.

For Khleifi, who has lived in Belgium for many years, was born in Nazareth and shot his movie last summer without any hindrance from the Israeli authorities. Nevertheless, the film was shown not as an Israeli production but as a Belgian-French-Palestinian co-production.

The picture itself is a cheap propaganda film, loaded with misinformation. It takes place in Galilee, which is pictured as being under martial law. The army is in charge of Arab villages where no decisions can be taken without the approval of the military governor.

To the festival organizers who accepted the strange designation of a "Belgian-French-Palestinian" production, these inaccuracies are unimportant. They tell you that it doesn't matter — Galilee, Nablus or Hebron — it's all the same as far as they're concerned. (Strangely, the European Left and the Israeli Right seem to be in complete agreement on this point.)

Apart from the political distortions, however, Khleifi does a commendable job depicting the various social struggles in Arab society between young and old, men and women, hotheads and moderates.

Giant art pavilion for museum

By MEIR RONNEN

Post Art Editor

The Israel Museum's 21st International Council meetings this week were highlighted by the cornerstone ceremony for a huge new pavilion for 20th-century art.

Named for the late Nathan Cummings, whose estate has provided for much of the \$10m. required to erect the pavilion, the three-storey multi-gallery complex will connect with both the recently completed Israel Art Pavilion and the Impressionist wing.

The various galleries of the Cummings will be named for a dozen other donors who have helped meet the costs. It is hoped that the new pavilion designed by Prof. Alfred Mansfeld and Jorgen Bo. will be completed in 1990, in time for the museum's 25th anniversary.

It was also learned this week that Mayor Teddy Kollek and the Israel Museum have agreed to the erection of a new independent Bible Lands Museum, right opposite the present entrance to the Israel Museum. It is to be paid for and maintained by Prof. Eli Borovsky, a leading collector of antiquities from Toronto who also lives in Jerusalem.

The Bible Lands Museum will increase the already heavy pressures on the approaches to the Israel Museum, the Hebrew University and neighbouring residential areas. An international planning team, headed by Julian Beinart of Boston and Arthur Spector and Michael Amis of Jerusalem, in cooperation with a steering committee of municipal and museum officials is currently engaged in producing several alternative plans for revamping the approaches to the area and enlarging the inadequate parking facilities.



Martin Weyl, director of the Israel Museum, views a model of the Nathan Cummings pavilion for 20th-century art. (Ya'acov Harlap)

Who else wasn't going?

By LEV BEARFIELD

Jerusalem Post Reporter

And then there are those Israelis who aren't going to the Israel Festival.

Buki Cohen, for example, didn't seem to be aware yesterday that any sort of festival was taking place. But that may be because Buki lives in Tel Aviv, far away from the festival headquarters in the capital.

Buki was taking us to an early morning appointment on Rehov Hayarkon, and as he wrestled his cab through the traffic he flatly denied, in answer to our query, any knowledge of any festival.

But what about the high-wire walker, who opened the festival on

Monday? Had Buki remained oblivious to all the hoopla and publicity? "Oh, yeah, the *meshugginer* Moroccan," Buki said. "Saw him on TV."

Meshugginer Frenchman, we corrected. "Never met a Frenchman in this country yet who wasn't from Morocco," said Buki. "Anyway, what's he want to walk a wire to Mt. Zion for? He should've took a cab. You're always safer in a cab."

Everybody's a wit. The wire-walker was opening the Israel Festival, we said.

Never heard of it, Buki swore. Back at the *Kiryat Hefes* at the Jerusalem Theatre by midday, we next encountered Esther Rotford. Unlike Buki Cohen, Esther knew all about the festival — yet she also wouldn't be attending anything.

"No time and no money," said Esther, who was setting up her displays of jewelry at the crafts fair in front of the Sherover Auditorium. "I sleep up here from Ra'anana four times a week. The booth is open from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. There's work to do before and after. It's very exhausting."

Who else wasn't going to the festival? Well, for the moment at least, it was the mothers and children who showed up at the Henry Crown Plaza for the 4:30 p.m. performance of the Pyramid Theatre's production of *Alice in Magland*.

"Maybe at 5:30," announced a harried set builder as he struggled to put into place a conglomeration of sponge-rubber animals and monsters in a cleverly improvised multi-stage playing area.

"Maybe 6:30," muttered an assistant working on the electrical wiring. "Maybe not tonight at all."

FESTIVAL DIARY

The kids seemed to take the postponement in stride. "Zeh koreh (it happens)," shrugged a philosophical six-year-old called Yona. Being an Israeli, she was no doubt used to such things. Also alleviating the spirals was the ice cream that mama provided and the sudden break in the *sharav*. Indeed, a fresh breeze was causing the festival flags to snap gaily, and Francois Lelanne's Chicken of Peace sculpture rotated on its stone tower opposite the Leidesdorf Garden.

The ice-cream vendor, from whom we purchased a sublime *mish-mish karkis* for the fairly reasonable price of 50 agorot, declined to identify himself but stoutly aligned himself with the non-patrons of the festival. "When they put football in the Jerusalem Theatre," he cracked, "then you'll see me there. Not before."

Who else wasn't attending the festival yesterday? There were also those who had planned to travel on the arts bus — but this too had run into delays. The bus project, in which passengers will take a sort of video ride around the city, has now been rescheduled to begin on May 24 and every day thereafter, at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. (and contrary to previous information, a small fee will be charged for both the bus ride and the Pyramid Theatre productions).

(Free festival productions today: The Smarsh Troupe's Golden Calf in Hinnom at the Sultan's Pool at 6 p.m., the carillon concert at the West Jerusalem YMCA at 6 p.m., and street theatre throughout the day in front of the Hamashbir department store.)



Belgian Ambassador Bob Lebacqz (right) looks at the Righteous Gentile certificates awarded to Francois Dielens (left) and Jean Everaets (centre). (Robert Wizenan)

'Gentile' awards for Belgians

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Francois Dielens, a young Christian lad in wartime Antwerp, never told his sweetheart, Sylvia, that his parents were sheltering a Jewish family from the Nazis.

Last week, 45 years later, Sylvia, now Mrs. Dielens, joined her husband and his sister Jeanne Everaets at Yad Vashem to receive Righteous Gentile awards for themselves and their late parents.

Jacob Gerstler, now of Brussels, who owes his life to the Dielens, said his family were given the Dielens' name by the Resistance. "When we arrived one day — my parents, my two brothers and myself — we were taken in without question. We stayed for two years."

The Belgian ambassador to Israel, Bob Lebacqz, said he attended the ceremony "on behalf of the many Belgians who did what had to be done."

Gazan chides Palestinians for political immaturity

By JEFF BLACK

For The Jerusalem Post

Gaza Strip political leader Dr. Hatem Abu Ghazaleh has publicly derided the Palestinians for their lack of "political maturity" in refusing to accept UN resolutions 242 and 338.

Speaking at a symposium titled "On the way to the year 2000," organized by the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem this week, Ghazaleh said "we should have accepted it (the resolutions) and given it our own interpretation."

He warned that for the Palestinians time is running out, "not least because of the continuing loss of land to Jewish settlers."

Ghazaleh, a supporter and relative of former Gaza mayor Rashid Shawwa, said that the national interests of the Palestinians at present lay in destabilizing the status quo in the territories. "The total control of all the land of Palestine and its

resources," he said, is Israel's solution to the West Bank question.

To secure an end to Israeli rule in the territories, Ghazaleh suggested, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat should declare that "under certain conditions," the PLO would recognize Israel and end the armed struggle.

Ghazaleh never spelled out these conditions though he spoke of allowing the Palestinians a solution for the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem.

He also suggested that the Palestinians give King Hussein a mandate to negotiate on their behalf or "if Egypt can help, we should strive to build ties with Egypt." Ghazaleh is known for his connections in Jordan and Egypt.

If no way is found for a negotiated settlement, then the Palestinians, he suggested, should press for equal civil rights to pave the way for a bi-national state.

Conquerors against conquered

By NAOMI DUDAI

Hanatziv (The Commissioner), the Jerusalem Khan's theatre offering for the Israel Festival, promises to leave its mark on Israeli drama. It is set in ancient Judah under Roman rule, where the Commissioner Petronius is ordered to put up a gilded bust of the Emperor Caligula in the Holy of Holies of the Jews. The High Priest and the people threaten open war.

Written and directed by Hunga-

rians — Janush Skay and Johann Taub, respectively — the play pits conquerors against conquered, divine faith against earthly authority, the State against the Temple, treachery against trust and the priesthood against the people.

As live theatre, it lights up with strong acting; as drama, it comes close to the heroic epic. In short, a creative work which even in the throes of rehearsals impresses with its powerful material.

Biram campaign renewed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Arabs evacuated by the army from Biram in 1948 have renewed their campaign to return to their Upper Galilee village.

A committee of the villagers has

started an information drive in kibbutzim, villages, and local and regional councils. They have also sent printed matter to Knesset members, public figures, university professors and students.

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Dear Subscriber,

The celebrated conductor, James Levine, has asked us to pass on to you his deep regret at having to cancel his engagements in Israel, as a result of the illness that is confining him to his bed. Mr. Levine, who had been engaged to conduct the Orchestra at this time, had asked that his first concert be dedicated to the memory of Fredric Mann and had also requested us to book him a number of tours, so that he could see something of Israel, during what was to be his first visit.

We join him in hoping that he will be able to conduct the Orchestra at an early opportunity.

Unfortunately, multiple cancellations are a common problem of world Orchestras, and in this, our Jubilee Season, we are naturally more vulnerable in this respect.

In the face of this situation, the Orchestra has decided to provide subscribers with "Blue and white" concerts, at which a number of young Israeli artists, of whom we can be proud, will appear. It may be recalled that, over a period of fifty memorable years, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra has been a springboard to international success for many Israeli (and non-Israeli) artists.

We have no doubt that the cooperation the members of the Orchestra are extending to conductor Ze'ev Dorman (who was recently appointed to assist Maestro Wehler) and to the young soloists — violinist, Shira Rubin, and pianist, Chad Wehler — will lead to first rate musical experiences for our subscribers. Your enjoyment will be enhanced during the hour before the concert by Ben-Ari — will lead to first rate musical experiences for our subscribers. Your enjoyment will be enhanced during the hour before the concert by Ben-Ari — will lead to first rate musical experiences for our subscribers. Your enjoyment will be enhanced during the hour before the concert by Ben-Ari — will lead to first rate musical experiences for our subscribers.

We very much regret this rash of cancellations, and sincerely hope that the outcome will be pleasurable.

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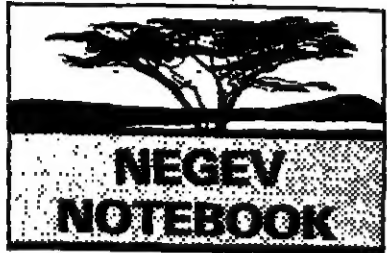
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Robert Arnow.

(Beni Glaser)

Cash and accountability



Bradley Burston

FOR THE AVERAGE real estate executive, few expressions are more off-putting than "sight unseen." Robert Arnow, however, is not the average real estate executive. In fact, the president of one of America's largest property-management companies might not have entered the field at all had he not been attracted to unknown quantities.

"I grew up in a suburb of Boston," recalls Arnow, now in Beersheva to chair the annual meeting of Ben-Gurion University's board of governors, "and we lived in what was really a very small world. My father owned a drug store. I worked there, and the natural consequence was to go to the College of Pharmacy and become a pharmacist."

"Then I met my wife, who was going to a school nearby, and her father and my uncle, who was living on the West Coast at the time, happened to be partners in real estate."

When his father-in-law asked if he'd like to try his hand at the real estate business, Arnow's decision-making process, then as now, was nothing if not pragmatic.

"The hours of the drug store were from eight in the morning to midnight, and we only closed on Yom Kippur, so when he said that in the real estate business you didn't work nights, holidays or weekends, I said 'Yes, by all means.'"

THE ELEMENT of shrewd if somewhat innocent intuition that launched Arnow's career may have also had something to do with his later involvement with Israel, and especially his initial support, sight unseen, of Ben-Gurion University.

"When I first came to Israel back in 1961, I wasn't a Zionist, but when I got here, I loved everybody. I trusted everybody. I remember walking down the street with my wife, and a woman approached me, and at the time I couldn't believe there could be such a thing as a Jewish prostitute. Maybe I was a bit naive, but that was my attitude. I believed that everybody who was in Israel was the most perfect human being."

Arnow's assessment of Israelis has become considerably more realistic over the years, as a major re-evaluation programme undertaken by the university's board of governors will attest.

"I think the university is now taking a hard look at itself, the most serious look in its 17 years of existence," says Arnow, who was appointed chairman of the board of governors at what was, for the institution, a time of particular trial. He allows that five years ago, when he was asked to become president of the university's American associates, he knew virtually nothing about the institution. Although his acquaintance and involvement with Israel were by then profound, the sum of his bond with the university consisted of one sizeable scholarship donation and the memory of a 1966 visit to a nascent desert research institute in a former Beersheba hotel.

But Arnow learned fast, and despite a panoply of competing interests that ranged from mammoth business deals to membership on the advisory board of New York's Metropolitan Opera, all this in addition to farming cattle on his upstate New York ranch. His performance was such that he was soon named to chair the university's highest governing body.

AT THE TIME, B-GU faced a host of external and internal problems, including a severe budgetary crisis, government aid cutbacks, internal financial irregularities, and the resignation of the president, Shlomo Gazit, after a protracted period of friction in administrative circles.

The university's growth curve, which had maintained an astonishing level in the '70s seemed to be leveling off at an alarming rate, and it was proving increasingly difficult to attract promising new staff members and retain existing ones.

Now, though B-GU is showing signs of stability and renewed momentum, Arnow sees the evalua-

tion programme initiated prior to the recent crises, as crucial to the university's future.

He quotes UCLA Prof. John Beck, who helped to found B-GU's medical school and is one of the evaluation project's coordinators, as believing that the Beersheba school is still young enough to make changes where changes are warranted.

The ambitious evaluation, which involves academic experts from all over the world, is intended as a monitor of university procedures and performance. In its initial stages, Arnow recalls, "I remember hearing from Dr. Beck the word 'accountability,' but at the time I don't think it meant anything to me." Observing a critical evaluation, however, Arnow may have learned as much about accountability as he has about B-GU.

"You're spending a lot of money on courses, on the faculties and departments, and you have to determine if they are fulfilling their responsibilities. You have to determine if there are weaknesses, if there are excesses. You can't just let things go on and on and on."

Arnow has come to see the concept of accountability as having broader implications for the relationship of Israel and Diaspora Jewish communities. "What kind of relationship do we have? Israel knows all the answers and the Diaspora just raises the money?"

AS HIS involvement with the university has grown, so has his estimation of the role it plays in the Negev. "I've come to understand that this is not just a university. The other universities are important, they do a wonderful job; but they don't affect the community they're in. Jerusalem would still be Jerusalem without the Hebrew University, but I don't think the Negev would be the same without Ben-Gurion University."

But while government officials may agree with his assessment, their actions have done little to match their words.

"They have priorities, and if they want to support West Bank development, they do it. But they are causing a vast area to decline instead of grow. Industry is not coming here, and some of the population is leaving."

Arnow notes that because of government cutbacks, the \$2.5m. B-GU raises annually abroad cannot be used for expansion, or even to complete existing campus facilities: it is needed to cover day-to-day operating expenses.

"That \$2.5 million a year should be going into raising standards, equipment, material, all the things that would really raise the level of this university. The fact that we're balancing our budget is great from a financial viewpoint, but we're living on a very thin line, and you really can't run a university that way. You can't attract students and professors, and staff go abroad and don't come back."

In Arnow's view, the university's operating budget is the responsibility of the government.

WHEN FRIENDS in the real estate business ask Arnow about the university on which he spends so much time and energy, he says: "I tell them I'm in the biggest real estate development in the world. The size of Israel is equivalent to the size of New Jersey, and the Negev is 60 per cent of Israel. I say to them, 'Can you imagine a development deal half the size of New Jersey?'"

"In fact, this is the role the university plays here. This institution represents the heartbeat of the Negev." One thing the Negev has going for it, smiles Arnow, "is that this is the only area the Arabs don't seem to want to go into. No one's fighting to take it away from us. And it's truly the last area of the pioneering spirit left in Israel."

"If only this region were allowed to develop, this could be a very exciting, vital place. But I think that as a consequence of government cutbacks and lack of vision, something is being harmed that will take a lot of time to repair and replace."

Asked if he has business interests in Israel, Arnow tells of a four-dunam orange grove he bought on his 1961 visit and has kept ever since. And, he adds, he is currently negotiating to buy commercial property here.

In Beersheba? "No," he grins, "in the centre."

With a rueful realism, he notes, "I'm afraid Beersheba just isn't going anywhere lately. You know, in the real estate business there's a common axiom that the value of a property depends on three things: Location, location, and location."

BASEBALL

Giants win with mirrors

NEW YORK (AP). — The San Francisco Giants are doing it with mirrors and manager Roger Craig thinks they look mighty good atop the National League West.

"We haven't played well, but the amazing thing is we're still in first place," Craig said after the Giants beat the Montreal Expos 6-2 on Tuesday night for only their second victory in the last eight games.

But Cincinnati's 9-2 loss to Chicago not only allowed the Giants to move a half-game ahead of the Reds but also gave the Cubs a one-game lead in the NL East over St. Louis, which lost to Atlanta 6-5.

In other National League games, Pittsburgh beat Houston 5-2 and New York edged San

Diego 5-4. The Los Angeles-Pittsburgh game was rained out.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

The Brewers, who started the season by tying the major-league record of 13 consecutive victories, lost their 12th straight Tuesday night, 5-1 to the Chicago White Sox.

"You have to ask, are the 13 previous games so emotionally draining that the well's dry?" asked Chicago's Carlton Fisk, who hit a two-run homer. "There's no legitimate reason for losing 12 in a row."

In other AL games, Kansas City beat Boston 4-1, Baltimore trounced Seattle 15-4, Cleveland rallied past Milwaukee 4-3, Texas beat Detroit 18-8, California edged Toronto 2-1 and Oakland downed New York 4-2.

NBA PLAYOFFS

NEW YORK (AP). — The Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers could be heading toward their third meeting in four years for the NBA championship.

The Celtics, who beat Los Angeles in 1984 and lost to the Lakers in 1985, defeated the Detroit Pistons 104-91 in the opener of the Eastern Conference with a 112-104 decision.

Robert Parish scored 15 of his 31 points in the decisive third quarter and Larry Bird had 18 points, 16 rebounds and 11 assists despite a dismal 7-for-23 shooting performance.

Pistons superstar Isiah Thomas also had a miserable shooting night, but in a losing cause. He had two points in the first half, when he was 1-for-12 from the field, and finished with 18 points on 6-for-24 shooting.

For the Lakers, James Worthy scored 25 of his 30 points in the first half and Magic Johnson, named as the NBA's most valuable player on Monday, had 12 of his 20 in the fourth quarter.

TENNIS

France upset

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (AP). — Martin Jaite sparked Argentina to a 2-1 upset victory over defending champion France in the opening match of the \$750,000 Peugeot World Team Cup tennis tournament. Czechoslovakia rolled over Australia 3-0 in the other group match played on Tuesday.

Jaite, a runner-up at last week's Italian Open, shocked victory for his country by leading France's Henri Leconte 5-7, 7-6 after veteran Guillermo Vilas had downed Thierry Tulasne 7-6, 6-2. In doubles play, Leconte teamed with Guy Forget to defeat Jaite and Vilas 6-4, 6-3. In the other group, Miloslav Meckic beat Pat Cash 6-4, 7-6 and Milosera Stijepic defeated Wally Masur 6-3, 7-6 to give Czechoslovakia a decisive 2-0 edge against Australia. Meckic and Masur said they defeated Cash and Pat McNamee 6-1, 6-4 to complete the wilderness.

SOCCER

Ran sparkles, attack fizzles

Post Sports Staff AARAU, Switzerland. — Goalkeeper Avi Ran was at his elastic best again, stopping everything the Swiss national had to give, everything save a 66th-minute header by striker Christophe Bonvin. And, as it turned out, Bonvin's header in his first cap was enough to give Switzerland a narrow 1-0 win in a friendly international here on Tuesday night.

While his counterpart at the other end, Martin Brunner, was hardly tested, Ran parried a close-range shot from Servette's Alain Geiger just before the interval to deny the home side the breakthrough.

Then in the 66th minute veteran Heinz Hermann, making his 75th appearance in the national colours, dribbled through a shaky defence and Bonvin headed his cross into the left hand corner.

Six minutes later Bonvin had the chance to increase his tally, but Ran made another brilliant save diving low to his left.

The absence of Peter Jaraman's Uri Malmilian clearly showed during the Israeli attack, who barely crossed midfield during the first 45 minutes of play.

Malmilian's replacement, Ronnie Rosenfeld, who this season played with Drages of Basel and was making his first appearance with the national team since transferring to Europe, turned in a disappointing performance and seemed unable to find strikers Eli Ohana and Daniel Brailovsky, who went long stretches without touching the ball. Nor were Avraham Ovadia and Ephraim David in any better form.

In the second half, coach Miljenko Mihalic switched Brailovsky and Rosenfeld, a move that resulted in a near goal in the 62nd minute when Ohana was brought down 25 metres from the goal mouth on a hard tackle by Swiss goalie Brunner.

Switzerland, however, who are always tough on their home pitch — winners over Denmark and France, two of the world's soccer powerhouses, in recent years — have only Avi Ran to blame for making this match close.



DEFENCE. — Avi Cohen tackles Marcel Keller. (Reuter telephoto)

Brazil open with flair

LONDON (Reuter). — Brazil began their European tour with a performance their illustrious predecessors would have enjoyed when they held England to a well deserved 1-1 draw at Wembley on Tuesday night. Brazil will play in Israel June 1.

Playing with all their customary flair and technique, the South Americans recovered from a patchy but exciting first half to take command and go close on several occasions to an eighth victory over England in their 14th meeting.

England, badly missing the creative skills of retired midfielder Glenn Hoddle, went ahead in

the 35th minute through striker Gary Lineker, but held their lead for only a minute — Miranilovic equalising in Brazil's next attack.

The England, besides only once losing to Argentina in the World Cup quarter finals last year, it was a frustrating night against an experimental and youthful Brazilian team they were expected to beat with ease.

In Holland, Ajax Amsterdam beat Groningen 3-0 in a Dutch Football Association Cup semi-final replay to secure a place in the June 3 final against Den Haag. Ajax, who won the European Cup Winners' Cup last week, and Den Haag both qualify for the same European tournament next season.

Championship parascenders Marseille and Bordeaux reached the semifinals of the French Cup along with second division outsiders Reims and Ales.

League Leaders Bordeaux lost 2-1 at Lille but

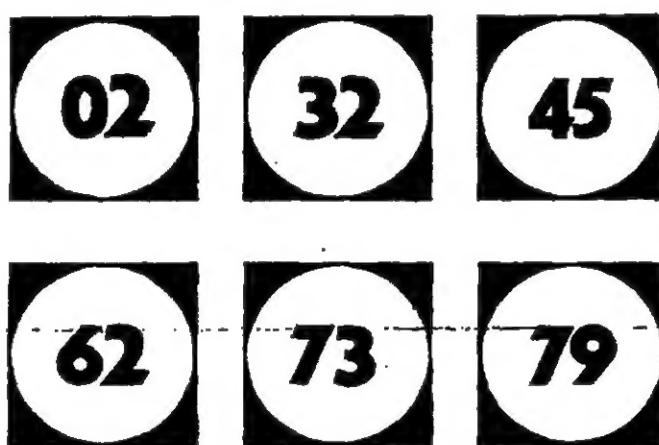
qualified 3-3 on aggregate while Marseille, held 0-0 at home by Lens, squeezed through after winning 1-0 on the first leg. Reims beat First Division Laval on penalties while Ales beat Strassbourg 2-1 overall despite losing 1-0 on Tuesday night.

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ELMER WINTER, RECIPIENT OF PRESIDENT'S AWARD

'I look around the hotel lobby, and see how many people with briefcases are sitting around. So far there aren't enough.'



Elmer Winter of Milwaukee accepts special export award from President Herzog at Beit Hanassi yesterday, as Minister of Industry and Trade Ariel Sharon looks on. In background is Max Livnat, deputy director-general for foreign trade administration at the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

American Jewish businessman Elmer Winter, 75 yesterday, received the President's Award in recognition of his ten years as chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel.

The president of Manpower, the world's largest temporary help agency, was getting ready to retire in 1976 when then premier Yitzhak Rabin invited American Jewish community leaders to Jerusalem. Winter at the time was national president of the American Jewish Committee. The community leaders met to discuss responses to the United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism passed in December 1975.

At the Jerusalem conference, Winter proposed organizing a non-profit organization to help Israeli manufacturers market their prod-

ucts in the U.S. "As always happens when you suggest an idea, people say, 'Okay you do it,'" recalls Winter. So he became chairman of the Committee for the Economic Growth of Israel.

The committee provides, in Winter's words, "a supermarket of services" to Israeli companies wishing to find a place in the U.S. market. Shraya Tzur, the committee's director of Israeli operations, meets with Israeli businessmen and passes their proposals on to the committee in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The committee then submits the proposal to a number of potential buyers for a critique.

An evaluation is sent back to the potential seller in Israel. If the evaluation is positive, the committee sets up appointments with the poten-

tial buyers.

In this way, the committee has helped over 250 Israeli companies enter the U.S. market in the past 10 year.

"I CALL Israel an undiscovered land," says Winter. "It is a country with a vast potential that is as yet undiscovered by American business."

Winter points to the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement as an important tool for the promotion of Israel-U.S. trade.

"The Free Trade Agreement has been something of a disappointment so far," he says. "We've got a much bigger selling job than we originally anticipated."

Winter's organization tries to encourage American businesses to take advantage of the agreement. "We talk to U.S. companies about using the agreement to manufacture in Israel and sell duty-free in Europe. American companies are not sufficiently aware of the possibilities the agreement provides."

The committee's Operation Join-up works to create a buyers' preference for Israeli products in the U.S. Volunteers from Jewish women's organizations distribute guides to shoppers describing Israeli products that are available and encourage people to look for the "Made in Israel" label.

ACCORDING to Winter, Israeli products are competitive in both price and quality with products otherwise available in the U.S. "If the right effort is made to sell, the market is there," he says. Winter finds a greater receptivity to Israeli products today than in the past, although "a lot of the old stereotypes still remain."

"I say to the people I work with, it's a new Israel," Winter declares. "I've met with many Israeli com-

panies and have seen many exciting new products. We need to show American business that Israel is the place for innovation."

Towards this end, the Committee for the Economic Growth of Israel is organizing a conference in Washington, D.C. in October, on the anniversary of the Free Trade Agreement. Winter especially looks forward to the next IsraTech fair, to be held in June 1988 at New York City's Jacob Javitz Convention Centre. Winter recalls that he was disappointed at the small number of Americans who attended the last fair, which was in Israel, in 1984, and urged that the next one be held in New York. His advice was accepted.

WINTER IS unconcerned about recent efforts in the U.S. to erect trade barriers. Moves towards protectionism, he points out, are aimed at the countries of the Far East, with which the U.S. has large trade deficits. Israel is not a target, and the Free Trade Agreement is not under attack.

Most of the American businessmen with whom Winter deals are not Jewish, he says. "We still haven't done a full job in the Jewish community. We find a mindset that says, 'I gave to UJA, I bought Israel Bonds, I did my share.'"

"We say to American Jewish businessmen: the UJA is important, and Israel Bonds are important, but in the long term, Israel has to stand on its own two feet economically."

Winter has his own intuitive way of measuring how U.S.-Israel trade is going. "I look around the lobby of the Hilton Hotel," he says, "and see how many people with briefcases are sitting around. So far, there aren't enough."

"We want to help make the Israeli export cash registers ring," says the chairman of the Committee for the Economic Growth of Israel.

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Export prize recipient wants government out of industry

"I AM CONVINCED that the only way to save the economy is by strengthening and expanding its industrial base. Moreover, I think local and foreign investors should buy out government-owned companies - and that the government should just stay out of industry."

Those fighting words are from an out-and-out capitalist, - Emmanuel Gill, president of Elbit Computers, a winner of the 1986 Outstanding Exporter award. What he says should be taken seriously: His company's revenues totalled \$171m in 1986, \$105m of which went to export - 61 per cent, up from 35 per cent in 1981.

China-born Gill, who arrived here as a child in 1949, has nothing, of course, against governments buying Elbit's products. He just wants to keep its bureaucracy out of production.

Elbit's export achievements are particularly impressive, in light of the fact that much of their export is weapons systems and that governments tend to prefer defence purchases from local producers. So how does Elbit manage to buck that trend, especially since its major exports are to the ultra-sophisticated American market?

"We establish partnerships with local companies," Gill says, in the U.S., Europe and elsewhere. "In the U.S. we are trying to set up joint ventures," Gill explains, "with companies that like our products, technologies and ideas. They market Elbit products under their own name, but we make sure we get our share of the resulting income."

"We acquire a U.S.-based subsidiary - Infrastratics, bought out by the other shareholders and now Elbit owns it outright," Gill says. "Furthermore, we recently established a joint venture with the American



Emmanuel Gill of Elbit

company, Loral, to develop, produce and market advanced military electronic systems."

Elbit and Loral, Gill explains, are each investing half of the required funds and will split the income. They expect to be allocating \$10m. each over the next few years. Elbit, unlike some other local firms, anticipated the current defence cuts and planned their American ventures for the "lean times," as Gill puts it.

They've succeeded, too, Gill says. "Seventy per cent of our \$277m. order backlog is from foreign markets." Elbit could not have dreamed of its massive foreign sales

had it not been intensely involved in developing high-tech weapons systems for the IDF such as "smart" bombs, which hit their targets with deadly accuracy and improvements and innovations in existing weapons systems.

Just how much of the IDF's equipment is supplied by Elbit?

"Every IDF aircraft, naval vessel and army tank has at least one system developed and produced by Elbit," Gill asserts. "Three of the Kfir fighter plane's systems and four of the Lavi's are our developments."

The systems developed for those Israeli planes did not develop in a vacuum, either. "We had experience in improving the performance of the Skyhawk and the Phantom fighter jets, even before Israel started producing its own fighter planes."

Conjuring up something out of Star Wars is an Elbit project featuring a helmet-mounted sight system. Listening to Gill describe it makes Golan and Globus's science-fiction movies pale by comparison.

"Simply by looking at an enemy target, either in the air or on the ground the pilot neutralizes it," Gill explains. "All the pilot has to do to detect the enemy system is to look in that direction."

Does it actually work? Yes sir. "IAF tests with pilots wearing the angle-of-view increasing sight-system have even exceeded our expectations."

Gill is particularly proud of his work-force. "It's our main asset," he says. "I can say with confidence that Elbit has put together one of the best teams in the world. We have a very high employee output," the Elbit president says. "That is why we succeed so well on the world market."

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WINNERS OF AWARD

TOBIAS JEWELRY Ltd., established by Edmund and Dina Tobias 35 years ago, has been an approved exporter since 1972, when its export earnings reached \$110,000. Since then there has been no looking back. The following year Tobias exported \$213,000 worth of jewelry and last year a whopping \$5.5m.

Tobias's Ramat Gan plant, which employs 90 workers, specializes mainly in gold and silver necklaces, rings, bracelets and earrings. Part of their line is adorned with diamonds and other precious stones.

Tobias Jewelry says it prides itself on quality control and meticulous maintenance of production schedules so that foreign importers can depend on receiving their orders when promised.

Tobias say they not only design their lines according to current fashions, but often dictate them.

The firm, which exhibits at the New York, Frankfurt, Birmingham and Basel annual exhibitions, is projecting an increase in export sales to \$8m. in 1987.

HAOGENPLAST Ltd., the plastics products company of Kibbutz Haogen, started up in 1941 as a tire repair shop and today has one of the largest plants in the Middle East producing PVC sheeting and coated fabrics.

The kibbutz firm's five departments—calendering, printing, laminating, coating and embossing—produce a wide range of products. A partial list of its products includes drum liners and shower curtains, inflatables and swimming pool liners, greenhouses and factory doors. Haogenplast also produces pipe wrap and hospital sheeting, agricultural clothes and brattice cloth for mines, tarpaulines, vinyl flooring and wallcovering.

The company, which exported more than \$5m. worth of goods (about 30 per cent of its output) in 1986, sells mainly in West European markets.

URDAN Industries Ltd., a subsidiary of Clal Ltd., exported \$30.8m. worth of its products in 1986, approximately half of its total sales.

Beginning in 1949 as a foundry producing pipe fittings, Urdan now employs 1,400 workers in six production plants. Its Hatzor plant produces automotive and agricultural machinery spare parts and castings, and Urdan RKM produces weapons systems and heavy combat vehicles.

M.T.H., of the Urdan group produces suspension parts and Urdan's Rom Carmel plant, which formerly produced the popular fibreglass cars, is now among its other functions, a metal machining and fabricating plant.

Urdan's other heavy-industry subsidiaries are Associated Steel Foundries and its Kupfer Division, which produces hydraulic flexible brake hose assemblies and assemblies for pressure systems.

G.G. ISRAEL Studios Jerusalem Ltd., part of Menahem Golan and Yoram Globus's cinema empire, is being honoured for the local infrastructure it is providing for the American movie industry to produce movies here.

Golan and Globus, Hollywood's current "whiz kids," produce movies through their Cannon company faster than the public can see them (10 feature films in nine months, in 1986).

They are now constructing seven huge studios on a 55 acre tract of land west of Jerusalem, three of them for television—purported to be the most sophisticated anywhere—to service world-wide productions.

KIBBUTZ Gan Shmuel's canning factory exports 95 per cent—\$19m.—of its produce. Situated in the heart of the citrus-growing region, 85 per cent of its juices, concentrates and fruit flakes are citrus products and the rest tomato products. Some of the various methods Gan Shmuel Canning uses to prepare its products are: freezing, hot-pack, ultrafiltration and drum-drying.

Each of the plant's workers, according to the company, "achieves an annual output" of \$160,000—a "world record." The company's growth has been a steady 10 per cent annually for a number of years.

THE STRENGTHENING of the European currencies and the Japanese yen, concurrent with the drastic weakening of the U.S. dollar, have had a marked influence on Israel's economic activity—so much so that policy makers are wondering whether to decrease exports to the dollar area and concentrate on the more lucrative European market.

The state of European currencies meant that, in 1986, Israel was able to compete profitably with European consumer goods, such as clothing and textiles. Earnings from exports to the dollar area, on the other hand, in metals, raw materials, semi-finished products and commodities have been hurt.

The effect of the international currency fluctuations are documented in a recent Bank of Israel study, disclosing that Israeli companies exporting to the two currency areas show either sharp rises if the earnings are in European currencies or sharp declines if they are in U.S. dollars.

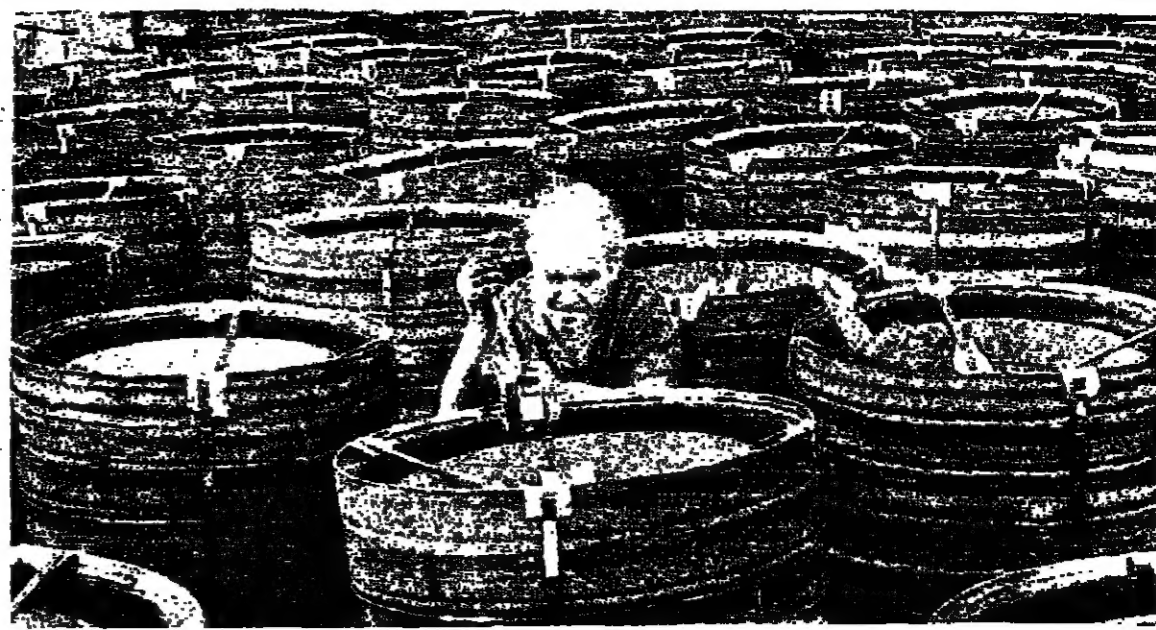
Past experience shows a connection between the volume of Israel's exports, the economic activity of the developed nations and world trade fluctuations. There was a 3.5 per cent increase in world trade in 1986 over the previous year but the output of the industrialized economies declined (from a 3.3 per cent increase in 1985 to 1.4 per cent in 1986) as well as a quantitative decline (from a 5.5 per cent increase in 1985 and 3 per cent in 1986) in the products traded in 1986 over the previous year.

The influence of world-trade trends has hardly been felt on the local market. Decline in local defence purchases has induced suppliers to seek markets abroad. But their efforts have been hampered by the difficulties involved in adapting to export requirements and by the declining profitability of dollar sales.

There is also the fear that the local defence industry's export capacity will be hurt in the long run by defence purchases made in the U.S. paid for with American aid, and apprehensions that local goods will not withstand the IDF's stringent requirements.

ISRAEL'S net exports grew by 13.6 per cent last year, reaching \$6.9b. The quantitative growth was 10 per cent, a relatively small increase.

Agricultural exports for 1986 reached \$560m., a 19.6 per cent increase over 1985 (11 per cent in quantitative terms). Citrus exports held their own, despite rising costs, while flowers, vegetables and fruit exports increased, even though their cost was higher. The main factor preventing an even greater increase in agricultural exports was the drought-induced lack of agricultural products in 1986.



Shifting emphasis

By MAX LIVNAT

Industrial exports reached \$6.3b., an increase of 13.6 per cent. The diamond industry's share in the rise accounted for more than 50 per cent, with a 32 per cent rise over the previous year in the export of polished diamonds, to \$1.665b. Non-diamond exports in 1986 increased by \$500m. over 1985—a nominal rise of 7.9 per cent.

Food-product exports declined by 13 per cent, mainly because of citrus-product competition from Brazil in European markets. The citrus product industry's exports were also affected by local conditions: the drought-induced paucity of raw agricultural products and the relative profitability of the local market, where there was a great increase in demand.

Israel's meat-product exports are expected to increase in the future because of concerted efforts by local manufacturers and more favourable conditions in the American market—the result of the free-trade area agreement with the U.S.

There was a 23 per cent increase in textile, leather goods and clothing exports to the U.S., which reached the 1980 high (about \$470m.) and a 21 per cent increase in the export of these goods to the EEC. The manufacturers of these goods have learned that it is worthwhile to develop various markets, despite current profit levels, for the long-term benefit involved.

Wood products, paper and plastic exports to Europe have increased

because of their relative profitability and the export of minerals and chemicals has continued to increase despite the relatively low profits caused by the world market surplus. If petrochemical products are excluded, chemical product exports have increased by 6 per cent.

The metals industry's exports increased by 13.4 per cent to \$2.190b. In a number of metallurgical subsidiaries, export increase was hampered by the frozen dollar rate.

EUROPEAN and American markets account for two thirds of Israel's exports. Last year the total increase in European imports of Israeli products was 11.6 per cent while the

American market increase was 10 per cent.

The agreement with the EEC has, in effect, allowed Israel to become part of that market with no restrictions placed on Israeli imports. The recent agreements with Spain and Portugal have posed competition problems for Israeli producers but they have also opened new possibilities.

Israeli representatives are, in fact, working on trade agreements with their Spanish and Portuguese counterparts and in the coming year, special efforts will be made to penetrate the large Spanish market.

The original 1975 agreement with the EEC was revised last year and

many Israeli products can now be imported to EEC countries without duty.

Textiles and fashions also showed gains of 27 per cent—despite the tendency of producers to concentrate more on European outlets. Here, the advantages accruing to local manufacturers from the free-trade area agreement with the U.S. are obvious: The relatively low profitability was compensated for by lowered tariffs. The manufacturers showed maturity. Had they been interested more in "quickie" gains they might have exported less to the U.S. and more to Europe. But they saw their investment in long-run terms.

Metals and electronics component exports showed a slight improvement of 7 per cent—a \$70m. increase, but the upsurge in the U.S. electronics industry augurs well for future Israeli exports. Moreover, because of trade agreements, customs duties on Israeli-imported components will be reduced.

The continued friction between the U.S. and Japan and restrictions on Far Eastern imports will also be to Israel's advantage in efforts to increase its share of the American market.

The free-trade agreement with the U.S., now entering its second year, allows for duty-free imports of electronics components, basic metal products, solar collectors, a variety of chemicals, linens, rugs, leather apparel, swimsuits and other products included in the duty-free list pertaining to imports from developing countries. Other products, not included in this list, benefit from a reduction of 30-40 per cent.

The agreement with the U.S. was a quick pro quo, and places Israeli manufacturers in a competition with American goods on the local market. But like the U.S. agreement with the EEC, it takes into account local conditions where American imports might be problematic for local manufacturers.

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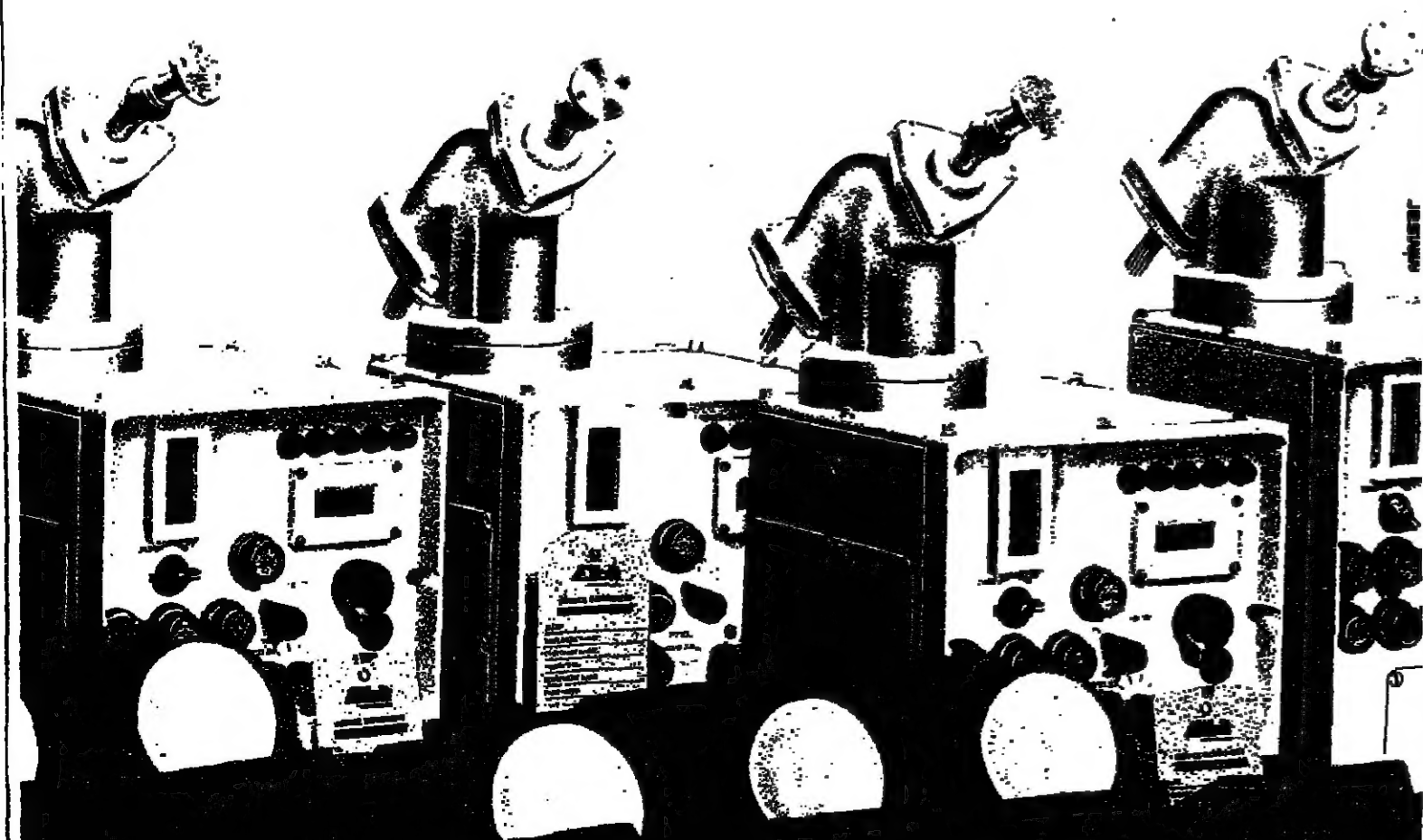
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The sin of complacency

A PERNICIOUS doctrine that started life as self-congratulatory back-slapping in the corridors of economic control in Jerusalem has now swept forth to become the common wisdom in business circles in Tel Aviv. It says that all's well with the Israeli economy, and the whole subject can be forgotten about until "after the holidays" - that brilliant Israeli formula for not thinking about unpleasant subjects from May through October.

Representatives of the "all's well" brigade, from the finance minister downward, present an impressive list of statistics to support their case.

In particular, they point to successive consumer price indexes that have been lower than expected, and to the likelihood of very low inflation figures for the next three months. This "stabilization of the stability" in the economy will lead inevitably to lower interest rates, they add, thereby bringing cheer to the whole business sector in one fell swoop.

When the small band of non-believers attempts to raise the subject of burgeoning imports and the rapid widening of the trade deficit, the optimists point to the almost embarrassingly large foreign currency reserves that keep marching higher from month to month, as proof that the import boom is not dangerous. Furthermore, they say, the imports reflect expanded economic activity, and presage investment and hence future growth.

It is as easy to fall into the trap of resting on the impressive, but still fragile, laurels of low inflation and high currency reserves, as it is to cry wolf on the basis of the consumer-led import boom. Critics such as Professor Haim Ben-Shahar, who are warning of a rerun of the Arid boom and bust of 1982/3, leave themselves open to the counter-charge that they are deliberately ignoring the enormous differences between that period and the current one, notably in the size and trend of the state budget deficit.

On the other hand, those smug and complacent ministers and civil servants who focus only on the favourable trends, and play down the disturbing trade figures, are walking on very thin ice. Even if it holds firm long enough for them to cross, it is wrong of them to pretend that there are no risks involved.

Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi has, for over a year, been a voice in the wilderness demanding that the government pay more attention to the trade figures than to the reserves, which can disappear much faster than they accumulate. It is usual to dismiss Mr. Ya'acobi as someone who has too little to do and hence too much time to talk. But, to twist Henry Kissinger's dictum, even frustrated politicians may have a real message to deliver.

This disunited government may still be capable of taking up Mr. Ya'acobi's suggestion that it hold a serious economic debate in which, instead of telling itself how clever it is, it consider the possibility that today's tranquillity is not guaranteed to last for ever. It might even ponder the revolutionary thesis that "you've never had it so good" is a fine election slogan, but a poor framework for a coherent economic policy.

Gush Emunim on course

ALL IS QUIET again inside Gush Emunim, after its squabbling "moderate" and "radical" factions composed their differences, so to speak.

The cause of the "moderate" uprising, Daniella Weiss, was confirmed as secretary general. But she was now joined by four Gush leaders, among them founding-father and currently leading oppositionist Hanan Porat, in a committee authorized to keep an eye on her movements. This was supposed to ensure that the "radical" Mrs. Weiss would no longer embarrass some of her colleagues by blindly following orders from Rabbi Moshe Levinger, who was also named to the committee.

Today Mrs. Weiss is to be formally charged in a Kfar Sava court with disturbing the peace and causing material damage during the bottle-breaking rampage she instigated in the Arab town of Kalkilya, just across the Green Line, two weeks ago. It was that rampage which triggered the revolt against her. To date, however, she has shown no sign of repenting the violence she then perpetrated, or the uses of violence in general.

Her opponents must nevertheless have satisfied themselves that Gush Emunim will from now on strive to win "the hearts and minds" of the people on the great issue of Greater Eretz Yisrael, rather than seek confrontation with Peace Now or, especially and far worse, with the army. But the "moderates" appear to be labouring under an illusion.

Confrontation did not become Gush Emunim's style only five years ago when Rabbi Levinger, as oppositionist Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun puts it, became preoccupied with matters of security. The style of confrontation has marked the Gush's *modus operandi* from the start. If it gained more prominence of late it is because brutal confrontation proved itself as the right method for achieving Gush aims even when government policy severely limits new settlements in the territories.

The tactical debate within the religious-nationalist Gush must not be allowed to conceal the fact that the two rival groups share a common strategic goal. They both wish Israel to absorb Judea, Samaria and Gaza in their entirety, even if that means renewed war. Neither of them appears to be disturbed by the official demographic projection of up to 2.4 million Arabs in the territories by the year 2002.

When the dust whipped up by the debate has completely settled, it will become clear that the "moderates" are but a sugar coating over the bitter pill represented by the "radicals," and that Daniella Weiss's real crime was her poor public relations.

Proof of this may in fact already have been provided last Sunday, in the Gush Emunim reaction to a three-month "restriction order" issued by the OC Central Command against a West Bank settler. The man, so the army alleged, had during the previous two years repeatedly sought to break into Joseph's Tomb, on the outskirts of Nablus, had assaulted soldiers, run roadblocks, and blocked traffic inside Nablus itself.

Gush Emunim did not contest the veracity of the charges against Romam Aldubi. It merely termed the restriction order "political" and "racist." So much for "moderation."

"It's probably nothing..."

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NOW, WITH THE Indian government's decision to allow Israel to play its Davis Cup quarter-finals in New Delhi. It is a good time for India to go further in thawing relations with Jerusalem. In opening a window to Israel - a fellow member in the select club of democratic nations - India could simultaneously further its political and economic interests while enhancing its international moral stature.

If "ping-pong diplomacy" ushered in the historic American opening to China, India now has an opportunity of going further with "tennis diplomacy."

Following its Davis Cup victory in March over Czechoslovakia, Israel qualified to play India for the semi-finals in New Delhi. India found itself in a fix. If it did not grant visas to the Israeli team, it ran the risk of forfeiting the next round. But admittance of the Israeli players would require reversing India's long-standing practice of denying entry to Israeli sports teams. The most recent instance occurred in February, with the exclusion of the Israeli Table Tennis Federation from the World Table Championship in New Delhi, despite the Indian federation's pledge to invite all member states of the international federation, of which Israel is one. This practice forms an integral part of India's deep-rooted anti-Israel policy; its

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reversal might lay the groundwork for a long-overdue rapprochement between the two Asian nations.

Negative Indian pronouncements toward the Zionist enterprise go back exactly half a century. In 1937, India's dominant Congress Party formally assured the Palestinians of the "solidarity of the Indian people with them in their struggle for national freedom."

After independence, India conducted a similarly rigid pro-Arab policy. Declaring that "Palestine is essentially an Arab country," New Delhi voted against its partition in 1947, and against Israel's admission to the United Nations in 1949. It has refused to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel, restricting formal ties to an Israeli consulate in Bombay. It has prohibited official visits, commercial or cultural delegations, as well as sports teams from Israel. And it has consistently voted

against Israel in the United Nations, including a vote for the 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Furthermore, the Indian government has assiduously courted the PLO. Shortly after its recognition by the Arab League in 1974 as the "legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," a PLO liaison office was opened in India. In 1980, India accorded full diplomatic status to the PLO office in its capital. And a few days later, it treated the visiting PLO leader Yasser Arafat as a head of state.

HISTORICALLY, this policy derives from the efforts of the Congress Party's Hindu leadership to bolster the indigenous Moslems' loyalty by catering to their presumed sympathy toward their Arab co-religionists. Since independence, this policy has been reinforced by two further considerations. Politically, India has sought to enlist Arab support in its

conflict with Pakistan. And economically, India has endeavored to secure from the Arab members of OPEC lower oil prices, credits, and investments, as well as markets for its own exports. New Delhi's hopes have been dashed on both counts.

Despite its strenuous efforts, the Arab bloc has remained strictly neutral in the India-Pakistan dispute. The Arab oil producers have refused to grant India any price breaks or credits. Their investments have flowed to the lucrative financial markets of the West rather than to India's ramshackle economy, and their own markets have absorbed less than 10 per cent of India's exports, leading to ruinous trade deficits and foreign-exchange shortages.

If experience is any guide, India is no more likely to be "punished" for improving its relations with Israel than it was rewarded for ostracizing

it. During the early 1950's - the only productive period in India-Israel relations - New Delhi recognized Israel, approved the Israeli consulate, and permitted unrestricted emigration to Israel of its indigenous Jewish community. No domestic Moslem protests or demonstrations ensued, nor did the Arabs take any punitive actions against India. More recently, no harm came to Spain or to several African nations for establishing full diplomatic ties with Israel. If India were to follow suit, the Arabs would at most lodge formal protests; the same goes for India's Moslem population, whose primary concerns are far removed from the Arab-Israeli conflict.

India could derive considerable advantages from normalizing its ties with Israel. Apart from mutually beneficial trade and the unique Israeli expertise in agriculture, India could gain the necessary credentials for playing a role in promoting Mideast peace.

Following a particularly nasty Indian snub to Israel back in 1966, critics of New Delhi's policy noted that some friendly gestures toward Israel would be a healthy reminder to the Arabs that India's support should not be taken for granted. This point is still valid.

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A challenge to the Palestinians

Michael Lerner

State of Israel and declare its willingness, on behalf of the Palestinian people, to renounce all Palestinian claims to the pre-1967 territory of the State of Israel as part of a negotiated settlement, in exchange for which Israel would recognize a Palestinian state within the West Bank and Gaza.

■ Announce its willingness to accept a demilitarized and neutral status (roughly equivalent to what was imposed on Austria after World War II), with its border patrolled either by Israel or by an international armed force partly composed of Israelis, whose task would be to prevent arms from entering the state; and recognize Israel's right to intervene militarily should any significant quantity of arms be brought in.

IF THIS programme were to be adopted - not merely for propaganda purposes alongside other forms of violent struggle, but as the new dominant reality of a Palestinian

movement - it would quickly precipitate a massive move towards the peace camp both within Israel and among Diaspora Jewry. It would be the functional equivalent of a Sadat visit to Jerusalem - but it would take longer to overcome the scepticism of Israelis, wearied by years of terrorist attacks and violent rhetoric.

The Palestinians should recognize that the only way to move opinion in a democratic state is to appeal to its own values. The use of non-violence would trigger a response based on the best aspects of the Jewish tradition. Once they were convinced that the Palestinians were serious, large numbers of Jews would participate with them in the non-violent civil disobedience. Anyone who understands the psychology of Jews and Israelis knows that this strategy would transform the political scene and that Palestinians would be able to win for themselves the very self-determination that is doomed by the current Palestinian struggles.

Those of us who have publicly criticized Israel's policies on the West Bank have a right to demand of the Palestinians that they take decisive action to change their current

rhetoric and recognize the political realities. If Palestinians want peace and self-determination, they can have it. If they genuinely wish to live in peace with Israel, as their moderate spokesmen in the U.S. continue to insist, then it is time for them to put up or shut up. American Jewish liberals could play a decisive role in assisting Palestinians to win their struggle. Is it not time for the Palestinian people to replace those who have led them down the path of self-destruction with a new kind of leader, willing to follow the kind of peaceful strategy outlined here?

Had Jews been offered this opportunity at any time in the decades of struggle before the creation of the state they would certainly have taken it. Those of us who have rejected the conservative leadership of the Jewish world call upon Palestinians to follow a rational course, and create the leaders, institutions and organizations capable of putting such a strategy into practice.

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LAVI

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Two-thirds of the respondents said they would contribute to a "Lavi loan" fund which would also offer prizes: 29 per cent said they would not, and 5 per cent did not express an opinion.

Asked whether they had seen the Lavi's demonstration flight on Independence Day, 29 per cent said yes and 98 per cent of those who saw the plane reacted positively to it, Tse-mach noted.

Publication of any details of yesterday's four-hour session is a criminal offence since the meeting was declared a session of the Ministerial Defence Committee.

However, it appeared that the main points that were presented to the ministers had been presented in background briefings to defence reporters.

The Air Force, represented yesterday by its commander, Aluf Amos Lapidot, has long maintained that the Lavi is an excellent plane - but that there is no fundamental difference between it and the F-16C, which is cheaper and can be delivered at an earlier date.

The IDF's alternative has been studied by its planning branch headed by Aluf Avihu Bin-Nun who also briefed the ministers.

The view there is that Israel can get more security per dollar by scrapping the Lavi project. The planning branch has a list of research and development projects which could absorb all of the manpower now at work on the Lavi - and make better use of their skills. The alternate projects would utilize an estimated \$250m. here and the remainder would be spent in the U.S. to buy material it does not pay to produce locally.

A third official to brief the cabinet yesterday was Menahem Eini who as head of the Lavi programme could give a first-hand account of where the programme stands and what lies ahead.

So far, the Lavi has climbed to 43,000 feet and reached a maximum speed of 0.9 mach. The second prototype will soon test refuelling in the air.

If an extra \$100m. a year is spent on the Lavi, serial production can begin in 1990/91.

The cabinet will be briefed by Defence Ministry economic adviser Zvi Trop and its director-general David Ivri.

During yesterday's meeting scores of IAI workers demonstrated on behalf of the project and some placed the IAI's in-house magazine, which promotes the Lavi, on car windshields.

One demonstrator told a reporter: "First we built the Arava (transport plane), we progressed to the Kfir and now the Lavi. Do they want to block technology? Do we want 5,000 engineers and technicians to leave

the country? Does everything around this country revolve around money? If that were so we wouldn't have had a state!"

Meanwhile, inside the Prime Minister's Office a key aide indicated that the final decision boiled down to resolving whether Israel avoids serious damage to the army in the coming years or whether it builds an industry which can also produce planes in the beginning of the next century.

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